



EUROPEAN  
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# EATS 16

EDA Symposium, hosted by Italian Air Force



## EATF at a glance

The European Air Transport Fleet project (EATF) is designed to improve the airlift provision in the European Union. EATF provides a flexible and inclusive partnership for national and multinational military air transport fleets and organisations in Europe. It addresses the way different air transport assets are acquired, operated, supported, and managed to ensure this is done in the most efficient way possible. The long term vision of the EATF is to establish a robust network linking various European air transport entities aiming at the efficient employment of all present and future air transport capabilities made available by the pMS for military needs, regardless of type or origin.

## What is EATS?

The European Air Transport Symposium (EATS) series has been running since 2010 and is a core activity of the European Air Transport Fleet (EATF) Programme aimed to improve Fleet capacity across Europe and to improve interoperability of airlift related issues at operator level. EATS is the annual focus to develop tangible initiatives for consideration by the EATF Ad Hoc Working Group for Operations and Training and, ultimately, by the EATF Management Committee.

## EATS 16 in Florence

The 2016 Symposium retains the enduring themes of: Operations, Training and Advanced Capabilities and is the primary method of obtaining feedback from front line operators on the day-to-day issues they face and to highlight areas of concern so that action can be taken to improve interoperability, safety and to harness best practice.

This year we welcome speakers from the JAPCC, EATC and Front-line Airlift Squadrons and training establishments. Through presentation, analysis and discussion in syndicate groups, the Symposium concludes with development of an action plan that is produced by the operators and takes account of lessons learned from operations, EATF training events and the application of advanced capabilities including tactics, techniques and procedures. The Action Plan is then addressed over the next year under supervision of the Ad Hoc Working group, EATC and EDA. Over 2017, the advent of the European Tactical Airlift Centre (ETAC) in Zaragoza Spain will increasingly take on these responsibilities to deliver a truly European solution to Airlift improvements.

## EATF events in 2016

18 Jan	EATC 16-1	
22 Jan	Pisa	
14 Feb	EAATTC 16-1	
26 Feb	Zaragoza	
22 May	EAATTC 16-2	
3 Jun	Orléans	
19 Jun	EATT 16	
1 Jul	Beja	
3 Jul	Balkan	
8 Jul	Spartan	
11 Jul	EATC 16-2	
15 Jul	Pisa	
18 Jul	EATC 16-3	
22 Jul	Pisa	
11 Sep	EAATTC 16-4	
23 Sep	Zaragoza	
5 Oct	EATS 16	
7 Oct	Florence	
24 Oct	EATC 16-4	
28 Oct	Pisa	

## EDA at a glance

The European Defence Agency (EDA) was created in 2004 to support EU Member States and the Council in their effort to improve European defence capabilities. Based in Brussels, the Agency supports cooperative European defence projects and provides a forum for European Ministries of Defence.



The European Air Transport Fleet partnership was signed in **2011** by **20** participating nations.

Its main objective is to increase the **European Union's airlift capabilities** by addressing shortages and increasing interoperability.

### A THREE-PHASE STRATEGY

**PHASE 1**  
2012-2014

**PHASE 2**  
2015-2017

**PHASE 3**  
2017-2021

## FACTS & FIGURES

### 20 PARTICIPATING NATIONS

- Participating Nation
- Non-Participating Nation
- Diplomatic Clearances Technical Arrangement Signatories

EATC Headquarters in Eindhoven

A multinational airlift training centre will become operational in **2017** in Zaragoza, Spain.



**EATT**  
European Air Transport Training

### DELIVERABLES



**EAATTCs**  
European Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Courses



**EATS**  
European Air Transport Symposium



**EATICs**  
European Advanced Tactical Instructor Courses

### EATF IN NUMBERS

**1879**  
hours flown

**98**  
aircrews trained

**22**  
aircrews graduated

**34**  
Tactical Instructor Pilots graduated



**94**  
European transport aircraft involved in EATF live-flying events since 2012.

### EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND



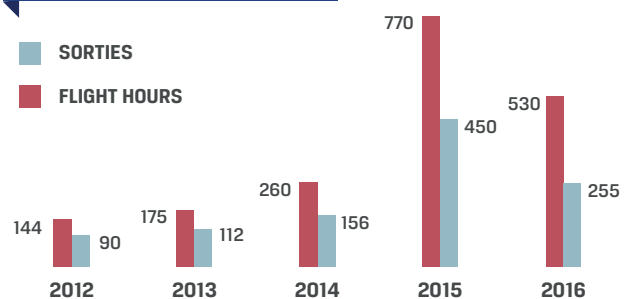
#### EATC NATIONS

Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain.

### A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

SORTIES

FLIGHT HOURS



All figures up-to date as of 1 October 2016.

