

European Air Transport Training 2013 (EATT13)

Training together

While the fighter community has been training to operate together for years (e.g. Tactical Leadership Program (TLP), flag exercises, large NATO exercises in European airspace, etc.), the same cannot be said for air transport. Today airlift training in Europe is very much done on a national level and since operating together becomes more the rule than the exception, the need to train together has grown as well.

A major step towards more combined training as well as harmonisation of airlift procedures and processes was the creation of the European Air Transport Fleet (EATF) partnership in 2011. The EATF Ad Hoc Working Group Operations & Training (AHWG O&T) dealing with training at operator's level, developed amongst others, projects to increase the opportunities to train together and to exchange best practices. The current work strands of the AHWG O&T are a yearly European Air Transport Symposium, European Air Transport Training (EATT) flying events and a European Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Course (EAATTC) as from 2014.

The first EATT was organised in Zaragoza, Spain in June 2012. EATT13 will be hosted by Spain at the same airbase on a cost sharing basis from 9-21 June 2013.

Aim and objectives

The aim of EATT's is to increase interoperability, to consolidate existing qualifications or to regain them if necessary in a short timeframe and with dedicated assets. The tactical objectives are:

- To deploy air transport elements to a Deployed Operating Base (DOB) and to train specific airlift disciplines.
- To address and consolidate various techniques:

Advanced mission planning; Cargo and personnel airdrops; Tactical navigation and threat reactions; Tactical Air Land Operations including tactical recoveries, substandard field operations (assault landings), engines running on and offloads and combat offloads; Short field landings; Formation flying; Night operations; Aeromedical Evacuation.

- To Participate in COMAO (Composite Air Operation) packages.
- To work on standardised procedures among tactical aircraft operators to enhance interoperability.



Participants EATT12, 4-15 June 2012, Zaragoza, Spain

Training

EATT13 will deliver tactical training, over a two-week period duration, offering participants a unique opportunity to plan and execute missions within a multinational framework. EATT13 will be developed on an increasing complexity basis, starting from single ship missions and evolving to multiple ship formation and missions. The event will start June 10th with academic lectures delivered in eight different sessions while the flying will start June 11th.

Participation

350 participants and thirteen aircraft from eight nations are expected to participate in the second EATT flying event, initiated by EDA and organised by a Core Planning Team from EAG, EATC, JAPCC as well as national headquarters and units:

1. Belgium: 1 C-130 and 2 crews
2. Czech Republic: 1 CN-295 and 2 crews
3. France: 1 C-130 and 1 CN 235-300 and 4 crews
4. Germany: 3 C-160 (1 spare) and 3 crews
5. Italy: 1 C-27 and 2 crews
6. The Netherlands: 1 C-130 and 2 crews
7. Spain: 1 C-130 and 1 C-295 and 4 crews
8. Sweden: 2 C-130 (1 spare) and 2 crews
9. Observer nations: Bulgaria, Finland, Greece, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, UK and US.

More information:

Details on the work of the European Air Transport Fleet partnership is available on the [project pages of the EDA website](#)