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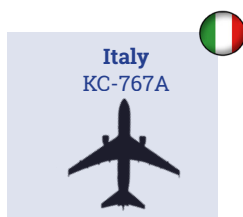
EUROPEAN AIR TO AIR REFUELLING TRAINING 2023



EART 2023 AT A GLANCE

The 9th European Air Refuelling Training -EART 2023 edition- takes place from 16 to 27 October 2023 in Spain. It is led by EATC and hosted by the Spanish Air Force at Lanzarote Air Base. The training is run in combination with the Spanish fighter exercise "Ocean Sky 23" operating from Gando Air Base in Gran Canaria (Spain). France, Italy and Spain participate in EART 2023 with tankers, crews and mentors. The training director is the French Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Arnaud Viltart, Head of EATC's Training and Exercise Branch.

EART 2023 focuses on dissimilar "multi-tanker formation" and "tanker-to-tanker" rendezvous procedures. The 2023 edition also emphasizes on "threat reactions and retrograde" procedures.



Lanzarote Military Airfield has its own permanent Air Force troops, as well as an air defence radar (the EVA 22, which covers the Eastern Canary Islands and the maritime area up to the Sahara). It has no permanently based military planes. These are stationed at Gando Air Base (Gran Canaria).



From 16 to 27 October 2023, Gando Air Base hosts the main Spanish „air to air“ exercise, called Ocean Sky 23.

The aim of the exercise is to train and evaluate the counter air core air power role together with allied air forces, thus to increase the interoperability with partners.

