

EATC 5th anniversary



Establishment:

The European Air Transport Command (EATC) was established on 1st September 2010 and is located at Eindhoven air base in the Netherlands.

EATC nations:

The EATC nations are the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain and recently Italy.

Command:

The command of the EATC rotates every two years between France and Germany. The current commander is German Major General (OF-7) Christian Badia. The deputy commander and chief of staff is French Brigadier General (OF-6) Pascal Chiffolleau.

Key events:

April 2006	Letter of Intent (LoI)
May 2007	Signature of EATC Concept
October 2009	Declaration of Establishment
September 2010	Inauguration (the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany)
May 2011	Initial Operational Capability (IOC)
November 2012	Luxembourg joins the EATC
July 2014	Full Operational Capability (FOC)
July 2014	Spain joins the EATC
December 2014	Italy joins the EATC
September 2015	5th anniversary

Dear Readers,

1st September 2015 marks yet another successful day for the European Air Transport Command and its 7 Participating Nations. The success story EATC is at the finish of its 5th year.

In times of tighter budgets, on the one hand, and the growing need for advanced and more flexible Air Transport capabilities, on the other hand, it has become obvious, that besides the smart procurement of modern Air Transport platforms, new ways of cooperation to foster more synergies are needed.

The advantages of Pooling and Sharing of military air capabilities has been a much used phrase ever since, of which the European Air Transport Command is the living proof because we embody the concept on a daily basis – and I can assure you very successfully!

Since the establishment of the European Air Transport Command, September 2010, the EATC has developed into the leading organisation within Europe for military Air Transport, Air-to-Air Refuelling and Aeromedical Evacuation.

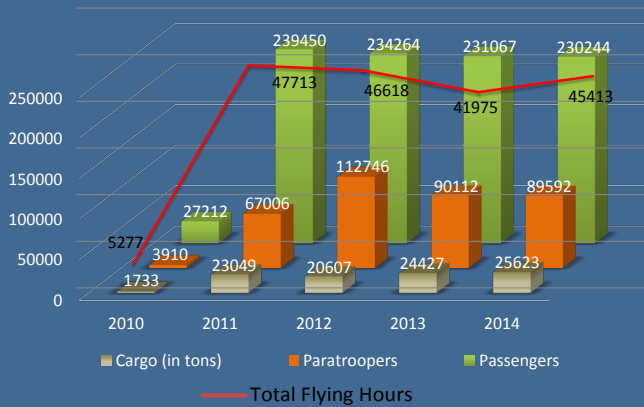
With a large and diverse fleet of Transport Aircraft, Participating Nations have access to more than twenty different aircraft types for the best and effective use.

The challenges our Air Forces are facing are real and call for creative solutions. As Albert Einstein once remarked “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them”. The EATC will continue to work hard for future effective and efficient solutions in the Air Transport domain.

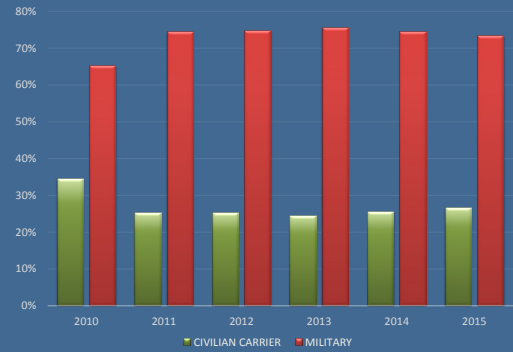
Major General Christian Badia,
Commander of the EATC



Transported cargo, paratroopers and passengers



% Strat AE on Military A/C versus Civilian A/C



NEARLY
1.5 MILLION
PEOPLE TRANSPORTED

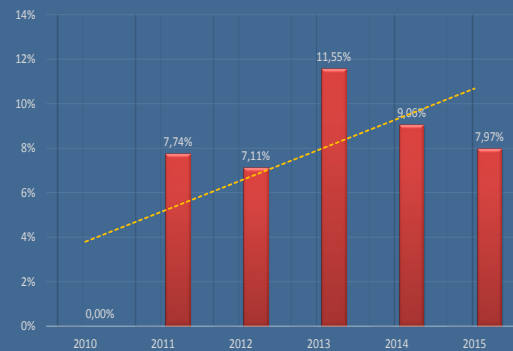
MORE THAN
200.000
FLYING HOURS

NEARLY
20.000
ATARES HOURS EXCHANGED

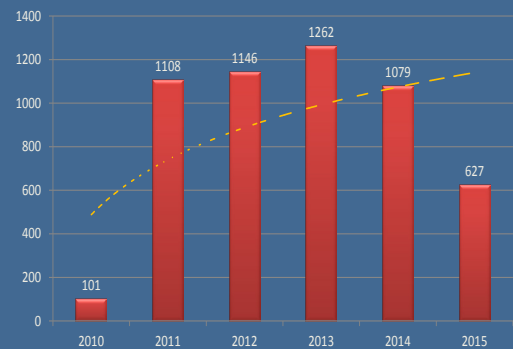
on average
90.000
PARATROOPERS DROPPED PER YEAR

108.000 tons
CARGO TRANSPORTED

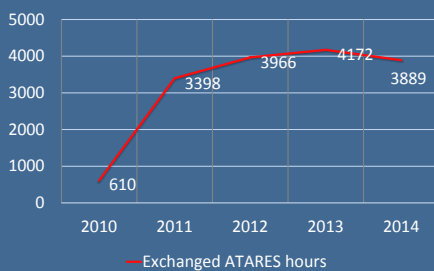
% Cross-National Military Strat AE



Number of patients per year

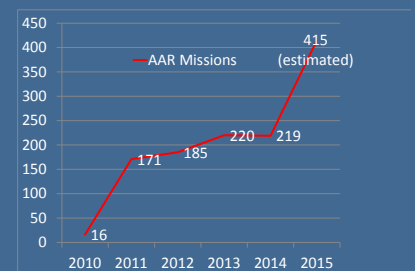


Exchanged ATARES hours



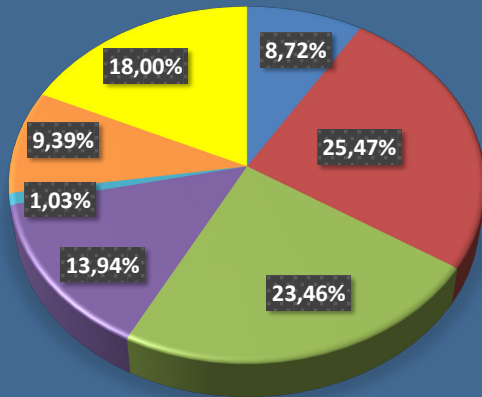
ATARES (Air Transport & Air-to-Air Refuelling and other Exchange of Services) is an arrangement between nations to provide a multinational framework to facilitate mutual support through the exchange of flying hours and services in the realm of air force activity.

Air-to-Air refuelling missions



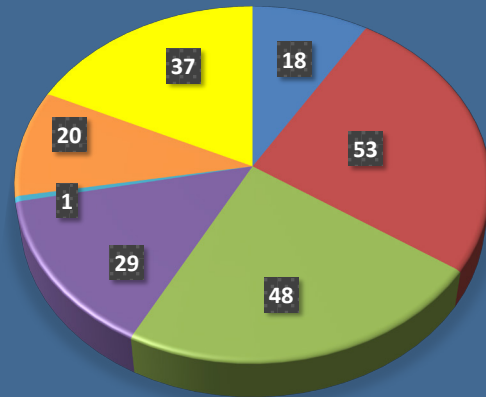
More passengers and cargo transported with less aircraft and fewer flying hours

Yearly Budget (3.398.400€)



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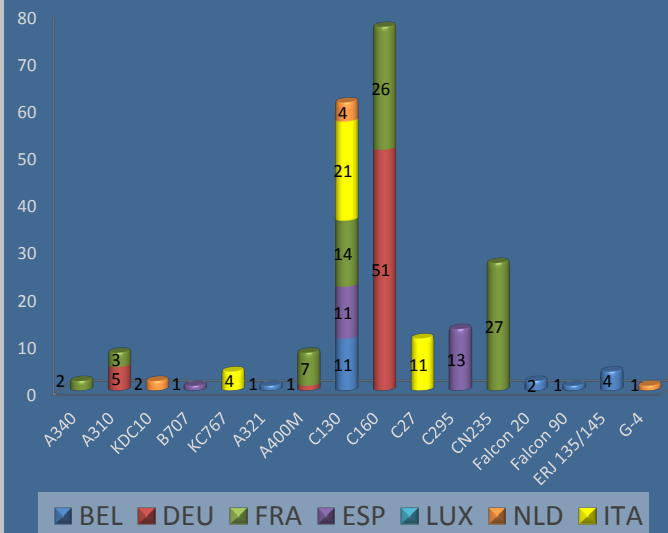
214 posts (incl. 2 civ and 6 host nation positions)



■ BEL ■ DEU ■ FRA ■ ESP ■ LUX ■ NLD ■ ITA



EATC fleet (>220 A/C)



Training & Exercises

Under the umbrella of EDA, EATC is planning and executing the internationally organised training events.

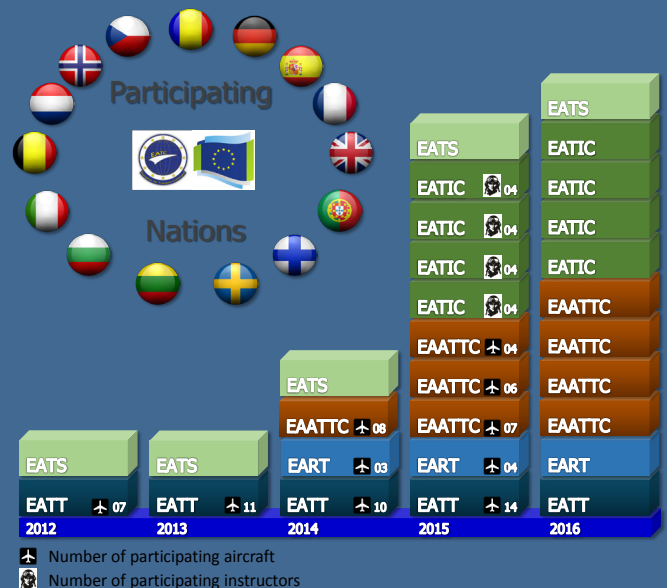
European Air Transport Symposium (EATS) – a symposium to exchange experience between the different nations

European Advanced Tactical Instructor Course (EATIC) – a course that trains instructor pilots from different nations

European Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Course (EAATTC) – a tactical training course that lifts medium qualified crew members to a full combat ready status

European Air-to-Air Refuelling Training (EART) – a dedicated training for tanker crews

European Air Transport Training (EATT) – a tactical training tailored to train European tactical airlift crews





Enlargement

Answers need to be given on how with more nations aspiring to become a full EATC-member, the impact on the organisation's effectiveness and efficiency requires further analysis. At the same time, the EATC is exploring other ways of cooperation.



Vision 2025

What is the optimal fleet mix for the EATC in the future ? A question closely related to the future Air Transport demands of the EATC Participating Nations (PNs) and set forth in the paper "Vision 2025" through a visionary outlook on the future.

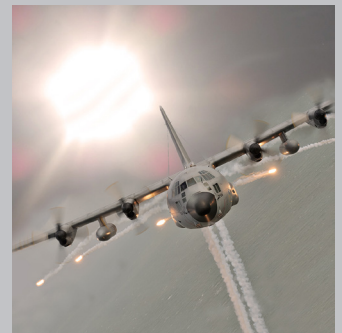
Multinational Aircraft Recovery Training (MART)

Co-organized by the EATC, this multinational training for mechanics gathers about 60 people from different nations.



Dangerous Goods Working Group

Established, in December 2014, to harmonise procedures and keep all parties involved up to date on current changes of civilian and military rules and regulations.



EATC Study Conference

Since 2011, the EATC has held its annual study conference for technical, logistical and operational subject matter experts to discuss ways to harmonise and standardise European Air Transport to enhance effectiveness and efficiency.



EATC Fleet Review

In 2014, PNs received the first Fleet Review report (on the year 2013) with valuable information on the composition of fleets, use of assets, technical developments and future trends.

EATC Flight Duty Regulation

In 2012, the EATC published a commonly adopted Flight Duty Regulation on flights and duty time limitations (FDR).



EATC Ground Operation Manual (EGOM)

The EGOM describes a set of multinational rules for ground handling crews and is in its final stages of approval before implementation with PNs.

