Italy's contribution to EATC

EATC is a multinational command established on 1st September 2010. It is located at Eindhoven air base in the Netherlands and integrates a staff of more than 200 people coming from the 7 member nations.
Today EATC is a unique organisation within Europe for military air transport (AT), air-to-air refuelling (AAR) and aeromedical evacuation (AE).

Members:
Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Spain.

Command:
The command of the EATC rotates 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 Chiffoleau.

EATC Structure:
The command group is supported by 3 divisions: the operational division, the functional division and the policy & support division.

Missions:
- Optimize the employment of AT assets
- Command & control transferred AT assets
- Harmonize rules & regulations for future common operations (interoperability)

Key events:

September 2010	Inauguration of EATC
May 2011	Initial Operational Capability
November 2012	Luxembourg joins the EATC
July 2014	Full Operational Capability
July 2014	Spain joins the EATC
December 2014	Italy joins the EATC

Dear Readers,

January 2016 marks another milestone in EATC's history: EATC has taken operational control over Italian military air transport assets.

Italy officially joined EATC on 4 December 2014 and together we navigated towards the transfer of authority (TOA) of 31 assets of the Italian Air Force to EATC.

The Italian aircraft are now part of the large and diverse fleet controlled by EATC. This fleet amounts today to more than 200 military air transport aircraft representing over 60% of all military air transport assets in Europe.

This also means that Italy, on the same level as the other EATC member nations, has access to the complete fleet of transport aircraft. Moreover EATC takes over the responsibility of planning, tasking, controlling and reporting on the Italian missions and offers the flexibility to choose at any time the asset which fits best the requirements of the mission.

Italy's accession and TOA have enriched EATC in many ways. Not only does the Italian Air Force contribute with excellent air transport and air-to-air refuelling capabilities, but Italy has also detached oustanding and qualified officers and NCOs to EATC. This personnel is integrated into the multinational staff enriching it by its professionalism and diversity.

Major General Christian Badia,
Commander of the EATC

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The Italian Assets

Italy has transferred the authority of the following fixed air wing transport assets to EATC:

The 4 **Boeing KC-767A** aircraft were taken into service in 2011. They are one of the most modern air-to-air refuelling (AAR) aircraft in service and can supply fuel both by hose and drogue, as well as by boom-system. Moreover the KC-767A is able to be refuelled by other boom-equipped tankers in order to extend its operational range. Used as strategic transport aircraft, the KC-767A can be set up in different loading configurations and also employed in peculiar capabilities such as the transport of highly contagious patients.

The **Lockheed C-130J Hercules** - also called the "Super Hercules" - is one of the newest versions of the Hercules family. Italy runs 20 of these tactical Air Transport (AT) aircraft, partly equipped to perform AAR missions. Though externally similar to the classic Hercules, the J-model features considerably updated technology, such as new turboprops (6 propeller blades), digital avionics or head-up displays (HUDs) for each pilot.

The **C-27J Spartan** is a derivative of the former G.222 with the engines and systems of the C-130J Hercules. This small tactical aircraft can be air-to-air refuelled in order to extend range and role. Italy transferred 7 C-27J Spartan to EATC.

The Italian Units

14th Wing

46th Brigade

The 14th Wing is stationed at Practica di Mare, near Rome, and hosts the Boeing KC-767A aircraft. The wing supports AAR missions as well as the transport of personnel. Moreover it ensures transport in support of the Civil Protection Department.

The 46th Air Brigade is stationed at Pisa air base, which is also opened to civilian international air traffic, hosts both the C-130J Hercules and C-27J Spartan. The brigade's missions are very large and range from the transport of personnel and cargo to medical operations and evacuation, and from tactical and special operations to humanitarian missions.

Transfer of authority
ON 12 JANUARY 2016

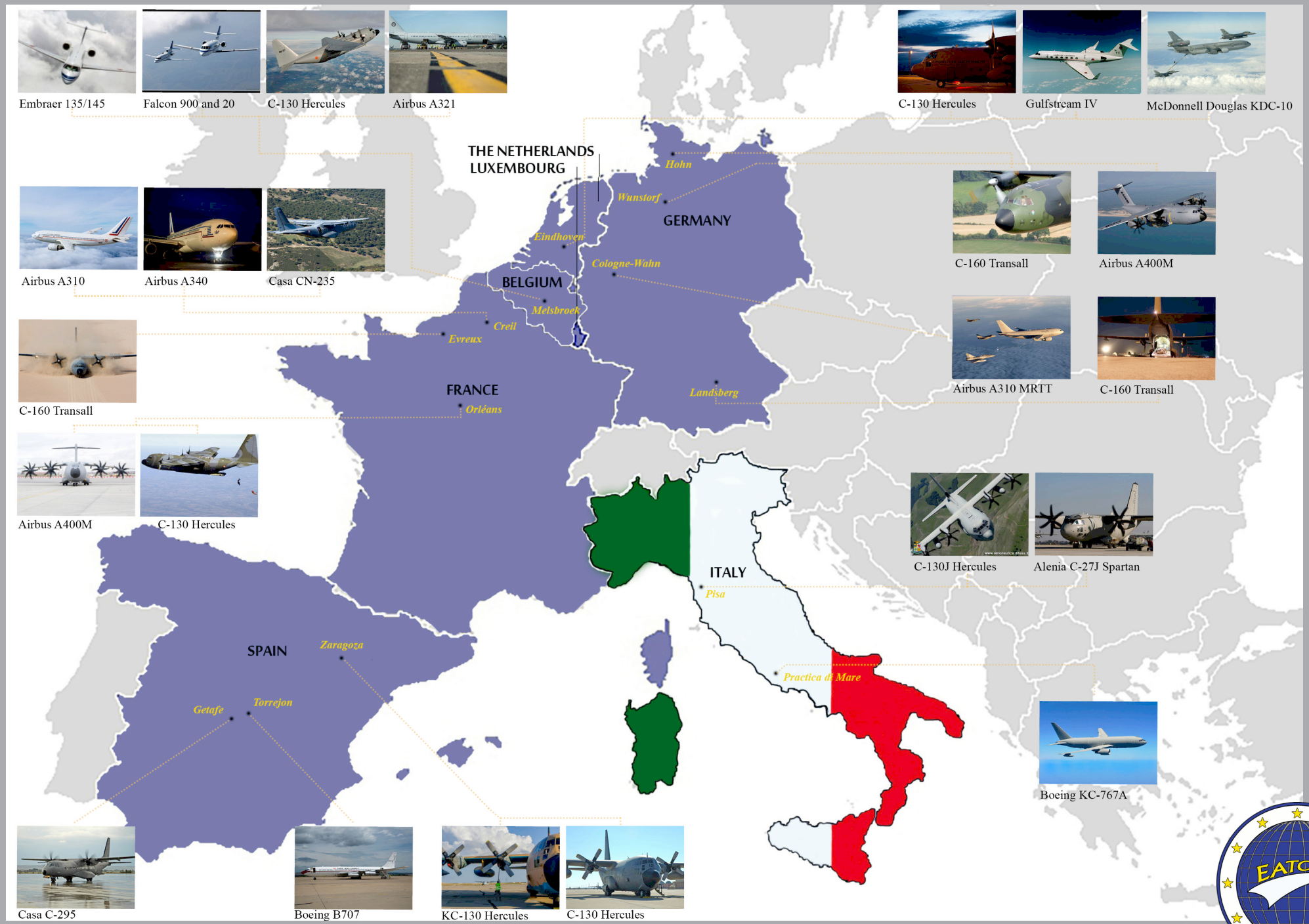
In 2018
37 ITALIAN PERSONNEL
OUT OF 214 POSTS

ITALY CONTRIBUTES WITH 18%
TO THE EATC BUDGET

31 AIRCRAFT
&
3 more TYPES of assets
to THE EATC FLEET (>220 A/C)

Aeronautica Militare

"The accession of Italy to the EATC represents a milestone in the process of full integration in the domain of military air mobility in Europe. EATC is therefore a concrete application of virtuous and proven model of Pooling & Sharing. It's not only a matter of aircraft, but then...values! Values such as integration, innovation and effectiveness fully match with the identity, the history and the DNA of Aeronautica Militare. The accurately planned milestone of the transfer of authority of the Italian fleet completes the project of Italy's accession to the EATC formally signed the 4th of December 2014, thus opening the new chapter of daily deep cooperation with all other EATC nations.
The whole Italian personnel is profoundly proud to serve this process, based on the evolution of the concept of national sovereignty".

Colonel Daniele Gaboli,
Italian Senior National Representative (SNR) at EATC

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