



# EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND



## EUROPEAN AIR TO AIR REFUELLING TRAINING 2024



## A SHOWCASE OF MULTINATIONAL AIR MOBILITY AND REFUELLING POWER

EART 2024, taking place 8–17 July, marks a historic milestone as the first edition held outside Europe, hosted in Alaska and fully integrated into the German-led Arctic Defender 24—a NATO-standard fighter exercise in the Joint Pacific-Alaska Range Complex. This transatlantic training brings together EATC and allied nations’ tankers, along with personnel and capabilities, to enhance multinational interoperability, refine air-to-air refuelling tactics, and strengthen collective readiness. Based at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), the diverse fleet of tanker and transport aircraft represents a strategic mix of pooled European and national assets, delivering operational excellence in a demanding training environment.



  EART 2024 supports innovation through the EATC Light-house Project, notably the X-maintenance pillar, which promotes collaborative maintenance between nations to boost operational sustainability in deployed settings. The large-scale deployment also enables the setup of a Combined Air Terminal Operation (CATO) at JBER, enhancing logistical coordination and throughput. More than just a training exercise, EART 2024 highlights the European Air Transport Command’s role in driving multinational cohesion, technical excellence, and strategic mobility. Through advanced refuelling and complex air combat scenarios, the exercise underscores the strong cooperation among partner nations and allies, reaffirming their shared commitment to collective defense and operational readiness.

