

EUROPEAN AIR REFUELLING TRAINING

EART 2016

The third European Air Refuelling Training (EART) is conducted at Eindhoven Airbase from 10 to 22 April 2016. Initiated within the European Defence Agency (EDA)'s air refuelling (AR) initiative, the multinational AR training is organized by the European Air Transport Command (EATC) and hosted by the Netherlands.



Participants:



C-135FR A310MRTT KC-767A KDC-10 Observer

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective is to specifically train tankers crews and receivers to participate into multinational and complex air operations - "train as you fight". Secondary objectives are to provide specific training to aircrews, engineers, planners and taskers out of the range of their national daily training. EART16 - the only of its kind in Europe - builds up gradually to increasingly more complex scenarios, starting with single-ship missions and evolving into being part of complex composite air operations (COMAO) missions within Frisian Flag 2016.

The exercise focuses on :

- Academics and mentoring for flight crews with their air refuelling operators (ARO), ground crews, planners, taskers, engineers.
- Harmonizing and improving procedures for tactical air refuelling, search and rescue missions, etc.
- Building up interoperability amongst the European AAR community.
- Combined planning and briefing processes.

4 different tankers

2 MPRS*

1 boom

1 probe and drogue

2014 - 2015 - 2016

Successfully
POOLING & SHARING
military air capabilities

AN **EFFECTIVE**
multinational
AAR TRAINING



a **UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY**
to train their crews
in **PLANNING & EXECUTING** missions
within a **MULTINATIONAL FRAMEWORK**

* Multi-point refuelling system

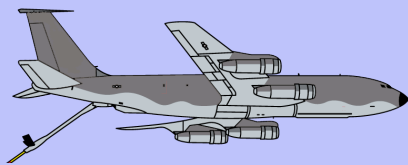
BACKGROUND / HISTORY

Air refuelling was recognised in 2012 as a capability shortfall in Europe. To address this, EDA developed a European AR initiative looking at the three following objectives: increase the overall AR capacity, reduce fragmentation of the fleet, and optimise the use of assets.

Within the framework of EDA's initiative, EATC took the lead regarding AAR training and together with Eindhoven airbase conducted the first EART in 2014.

Since then this training concept has been further developed by EATC to get all participants proficient in their qualifications with their dedicated assets as well as to improve multinational cooperation and interoperability for AAR in Europe.

The combination with the Frisian Flag exercise on Leeuwarden Airbase is a perfect fit.



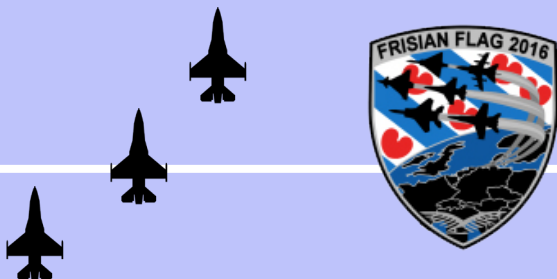
Eindhoven Airbase has become a centre of international cooperation in air transport, with EATC, MCCE (Movement Coordination Centre Europe) and RSFCC (NATO Resolute Support Strategic Flight Coordination Centre) located on their premises.

FRISIAN FLAG 2016

From 10 to 22 April 2016, Leeuwarden Airbase will host again one of the largest international fighter pilot exercises: Frisian Flag. For two weeks, fighter aircraft from various countries will be exercising the execution of offensive and defensive missions.

International cooperation is at the core of the exercise, which also implies cooperation between the tactical air commands and tactical air control agencies. Conducting such an exercise in an international spectrum is necessary in order to increase sustainment of effective execution of the nations' air defense operations and missions.

Participants:



Eindhoven Airbase, the Netherlands

