EATC

European Air Transport Command

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Foreward by Commander EATC

Dear readers,

Air Mobility
Together we go beyond

Multinational cooperation is indispensable! Even before the pandemic, EATC's member nations recognised that only cooperative efforts overcome logistical challenges, enhance autonomy and offer smart solutions.

The unpredictable Covid-19 crisis has proven that our nations took the right decision in 2010. They established a standing common command for air mobility specialised to plan and facilitate missions: the EATC. Our members nations support each other by sharing assets. Today, there is no need to reinvent the wheel when it comes to justify the unique concept and demonstrate the benefits of EATC, also during this unforeseeable pandemic.

We have proven our excellency, our professionalism, our effectiveness and efficiency. For the upcoming years, we will step up our efforts to further strengthen the European air mobility. Our main goals are to improve interoperability, to shape an EATC air network and to look into a more comprehensive planning and coordination with our nations in support of crisis commitments.

Together with our member nations, EATC will continue to enforce its collaborative and integrated way of planning, developing, and operating air mobility. Together with its staff, EATC will continuously prove being a success story for the Europe defence.

Major General Andreas Schick
Commander EATC

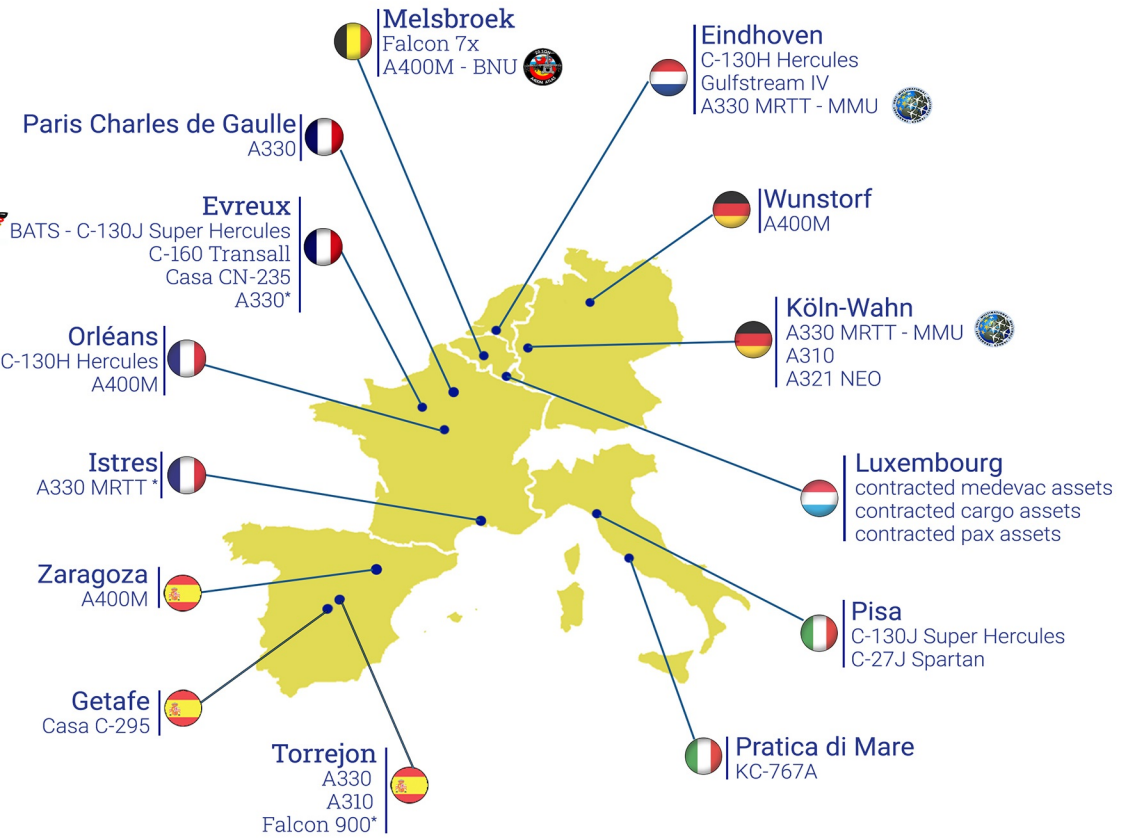
MULTINATIONAL FLYING UNITS

MMU
Multinational A330 MRTT unit
in Eindhoven (NLD) and Köln-Wahn (DEU)

BNU
Binational A400M unit in Melsbroek (BEL)

BATS
Binational C130J unit in Evreux (FRA)

EATC'S PORTFOLIO



7 nations
200+ experts
1 command

worldwide missions

24/7/365 operations

on average:
60 missions/day

14 bases

~20 types
170+ aircraft

(*) on ad hoc basis

AIR TRANSPORT

EATC ensures air transport by controlling and commanding a diverse and multinational fleet. EATC also offers innovative solutions to the member nations. One example is the introduction of a shared standard routes network for military air transport that will be developed into an air network system. Air Transport includes among others:

- transport to operational theatres
- passenger transport
- cargo transport
- paratrooper drops
- VIP flights
- cargo drops

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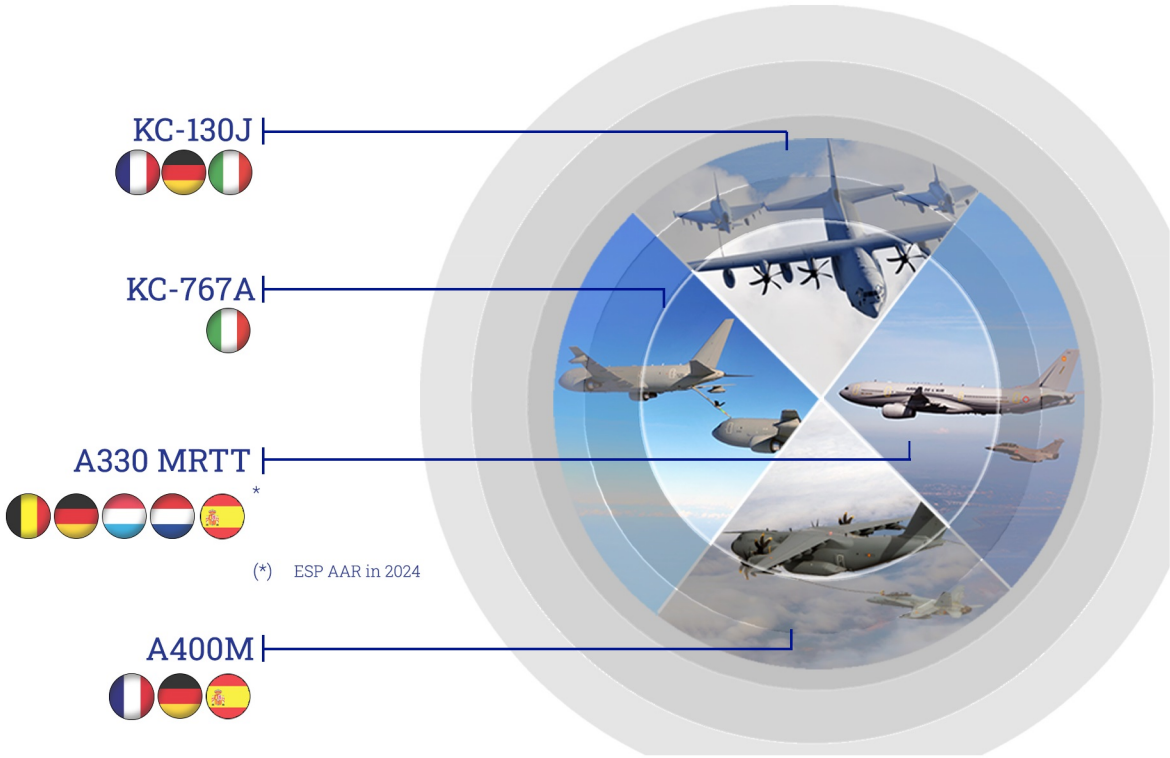
AIR-TO-AIR REFUELLING

Today, EATC is considered in Europe as a centre of expertise in the domain of air-to-air refuelling (AAR). Thanks to the implementation of the multinational MRTT unit, the achievement of full AAR capability for the A400Ms and the arrival of new KC-130Js, EATC becomes the major force provider in Europe, with large operational options and reinforced operational effectiveness.



AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

EATC plans strategic aeromedical evacuations of injured or ill persons by air assets from anywhere in the world to the patients home country, or to a safe place where appropriate medical care is available. EATC also aims at developing standardised procedures and cross-national certifications.

FACTS & FIGURES

2010 - 2021

- nearly **540.000** flying hours
- nearly **90.000** missions flown
- over **200.000** tons of cargo transported
- over **12.700** patients managed
- over **3.500** AAR missions
- over **2 million** passenger transported
- over **1 million** paratroopers dropped

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TRAINING AND EXERCISES

EATC is a cornerstone to organise and lead multinational training and exercises, as well as to leverage opportunities to build strong relationships with and among partners. This continuous effort ultimately leads to interoperability and guarantees smooth common operations. All trainings, exercices and courses are unique, multinational and open to EATC member nations as well as to other interested parties.

European Air Refuelling Training (EART)
advanced training for AAR air and maintenance crews

European Tactical Airlift Programme (ETAP)
- tactical airlift training, tactical training courses for air crews and courses for instructor pilots
- led by the European Tactical Airlift Centre (ETAC) and supported by EATC

Disabled Aircraft Recovery Training (DART)
training generic aircraft recovery techniques

Combined Air Terminal Training (CATT)
basic training for junior air movement personnel

Advanced Combined Air Terminal Training (ACATT)
- advanced training for handlers
- academics and on the job training

CONTRIBUTION TO INTEROPERABILTY

Effective and efficient air mobility in a multinational environment requires harmonisation and sharing of concepts, doctrines and procedures. This is why the operational and functional domains were consolidated into one structure. They work hand in hand to enhance interoperability among the partners, thus optimising the planning and execution of air mobility.
Here, a few examples of EATC's major output:

Operations Manual
governing flight operations managed by EATC

EATC Ground Operations Manual
milestone in cross-loading activities for multinational operations

Cross-Para booklet
milestone in cross-parachuting activities

A400M cross-exchange of technicians
framework to facilitate multinational maintenance teams

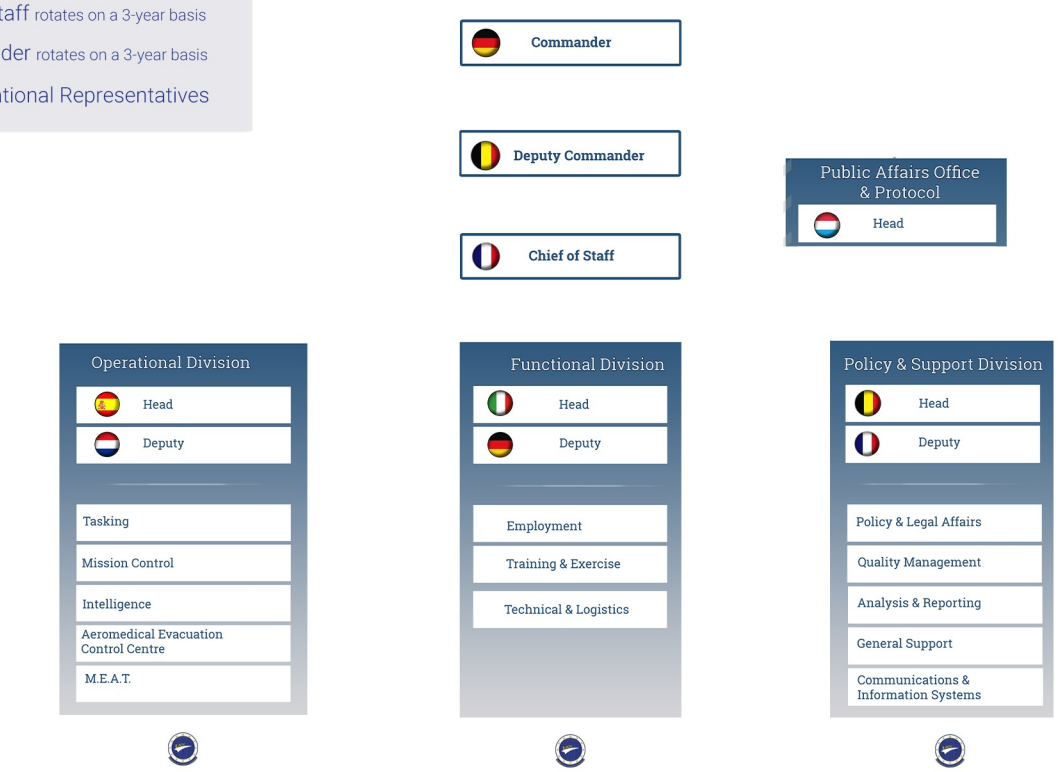
EATC GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE

EATC's steering committees decide by consent. The highest decision level (MATraC) meets at air chiefs level and gives direction to the Commander EATC. The Advisory Group advises the Commander EATC on commonly decided policy.

Commander/Chief Of Staff rotates on a 3-year basis

Deputy Commander rotates on a 3-year basis

7 Senior National Representatives



The Operational Division plans, tasks and controls air missions on behalf of the member nations both in peacetime and in times of crises.

The Functional Division acts as a key enabler to promote common values, organises multinational trainings and fosters the harmonisation of doctrines and procedures among nations.

The Policy & Support Division liaises with external actors. and supports the activities of EATC headquarters.

MEAT - MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT

MEAT is a unique tool at the heart of EATC's air transport process, connecting the various actors. It was developed by EATC and is regularly re-tailored in house with new functionalities increasing the performance of the application. The EATC software designers and developers meet once a year with national representatives to coordinate the development and enhancement of MEAT with the needs of the member nations.

Today, MEAT is a unique, user-friendly and effective multi-user software with more than 3000 accounts.

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