



EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

EUROPEAN AIR TO AIR REFUELLING TRAINING 2022

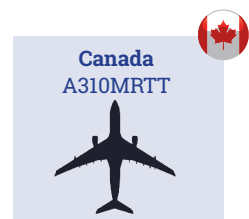


EART 2022 AT A GLANCE

The 8th European Air Refuelling Training -EART 2022 edition- takes place from 17 to 27 October 2022 in Spain. It is led by EATC and hosted by the Spanish Air Force at Lanzarote Air Base. The training is run in combination with the Spanish fighter exercise "Sirio 2022" operating from Gando Air Base in Gran Canaria (Spain).

France, Italy and Canada participate in EART 2022 with tankers, crews and mentors. Australia, and MCCE participate only with mentors. The training director is the Italian Air Force Colonel Salvatore Melillo, Head of EATC's Functional Division.

EART 2022 focuses on similar and dissimilar "multi-tanker formation" and "tanker-to-tanker" rendezvous procedures. The 2022 edition also emphasizes on "threat reactions and retrograde" procedures.



Lanzarote Military Airfield has its own permanent Air Force troops, as well as an air defence radar (the EVA 22, which covers the Eastern Canary Islands and the maritime area up to the Sahara). It has no permanently based military planes. These are stationed at Gando Air Base (Gran Canaria).



SIRIO exercise is the Spanish Air Force advanced training event, organized yearly and led by the Spanish Air Force Air Combat Command (MACOM). It comprises all Air Force capabilities, specially Air Defense, in a complex and dynamic scenario. During the 2022 edition of SIRIO, the exercise geographically focuses on the Canary Islands and features a NATO Evaluation for NRF forces, with a special emphasis on Special Operations Forces units.

