

European Air Refuelling Training

Upon EDA's AAR initiative, EATC runs the European Air Refuelling Training (EART), at Eindhoven airbase. Since 2014, EART has been organised on a yearly basis and is pooled with the Dutch Frisian Flag (FF) fighter exercise.

EART offers a unique opportunity to **TRAIN CREWS, PLANNERS, TASKERS** and **ENGINEERS** in planning and executing missions within a **MULTINATIONAL FRAMEWORK**. The crews become familiar with scenarios they're not regularly exposed to. Moreover, they are able to enhance knowledge of multinational tanker aircraft. This is why EART has become an embedded rendezvous not only for the member nations but also for partners, such as the United States Air Force.

Whereas objectives focused in the past on a yearly cross "combat ready" training for tankers and fighters, the future will be oriented towards the certification process for participants and, as of 2018, to two yearly training sessions, possibly combined with larger fighter exercises.

EART is the **ONLY** multinational AAR training for air crews and engineers. Together with FF, it is a perfect demonstration of successful multinational cooperation.

Successfully
POOLING and SHARING
military air capabilities

EFFECTIVE
multinational
AAR training

a **unique** opportunity
to train crews

in **PLANNING & EXECUTING** missions
within a **MULTINATIONAL FRAMEWORK**



EATC Air to Air Refuelling



Dear heads

In the past years, EATC built up a large experience in air-to-air refuelling and is considered today in Europe as an overall expert in this domain. In this respect we cooperate closely with other multinational organisations, and of course with our member nations and their air-to-air refuelling entities.

With the introduction of the new generation tanker fleet (A400M and A330 MRTT), all EATC member nations become increasingly committed with air-to-air refuelling capabilities. This growing commitment goes hand in hand with EATC's level of ambition.

While in the past we have already been fully engaged among others in standardizing daily operational processes and in running multinational trainings, EATC's newly created air-to-air refuelling task force combines assets and functionality in air-to-air refuelling and strategic air transport for the new generation tanker fleet. Moreover, the year 2017 introduces EATC's first seminar, dedicated to the air-to-air refuelling community, together with a certification table top exercise led by JAPCC.

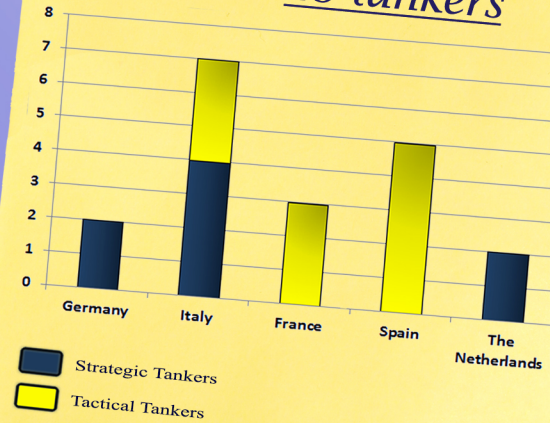
Through a holistic and multinational approach, EATC will be confirmed as an enabler in the air-to-air refuelling domain acting as a think tank and a centre of expertise for the member nations.

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EATC AAR fleet: 19 tankers

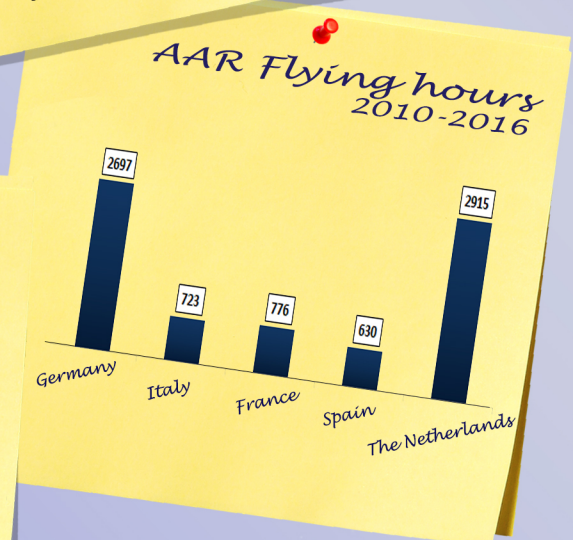
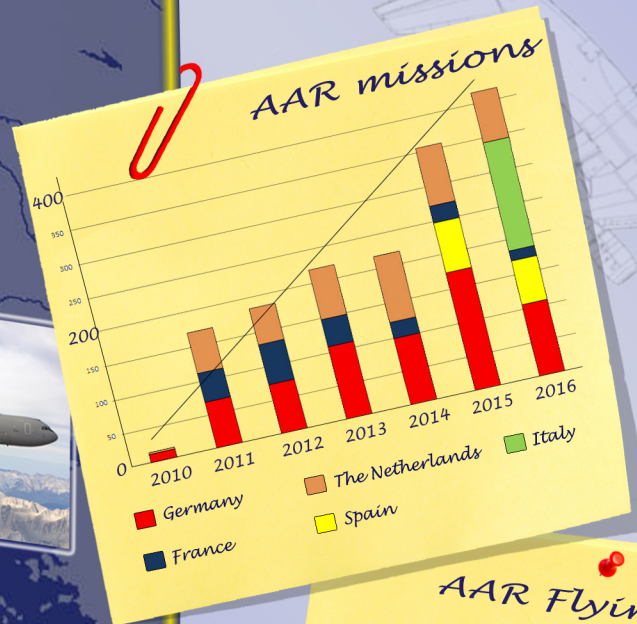


In 2013, EATC set the first milestones for an air-to-air refuelling concept. Today, EATC commands 19 air-to-air refuelling (AAR) assets from the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Italy and France and is highly recognized as a global expert in the AAR domain.

EATC's AAR cell is integrated into the operational division and offers a PERMANENT NODAL HUB for planning and using AAR capabilities, thus supporting the national point of contacts with coordinated, efficient and responsive service.

The newly created dedicated EATC AAR task force, on the other hand, is a MULTIFUNCTIONAL GROUP of experts coming both from the operational division and the functional division. These experts are closely interacting with the national commands and the respective executing AAR entities. They offer COMPREHENSIVE EXPERTISE to the member nations, constantly aiming at enhancing interoperability and multinational cooperation.

The future is not missing out on challenges: STANDARDIZATION and CONSOLIDATION of the process for daily AAR training, development of studies, such as the "mission commander concept" or the "EATC trail handbook" and fostering of synergies within the MRTT community.



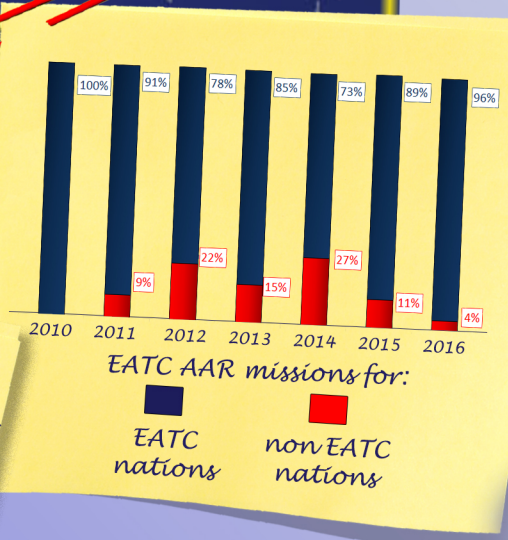
EATC also closely liaises with MULTINATIONAL PARTNER organizations, such as EDA, JAPPC or MCCE. In this respect it leads for instance, on behalf of the European Defence Agency (EDA), the AAR operational employment working group. In order to meet the need in Europe and among NATO allies for a multinational AAR

training, EATC runs the European Air Refuelling Training, a unique opportunity for air crews and engineers to train in a multinational environment. With EART, AAR is exercised as an integral element rather than an enabler for other air assets.

- EATC**
a multinational command for:
- Military Air Transport
 - Air-to-Air Refuelling
 - Aeromedical Evacuation

EATC fleet
more than 200 assets
whereas 19 tankers

8.000 flying hours nearly during AAR missions
over 1500 missions as of 2010
whereas 400 in 2016



Data for 2016 refer to the period Jan-Nov