As of 8th June 2017 Zaragoza, Spain will officially become the home of the European Tactical Airlift Programme (ETAP) when the European Tactical Airlift Centre (ETAC) will take over responsibility from EDA on this project. The project was created in 2011 under EDA’s umbrella within the European Air Transport Fleet Programme (EATF) which aims to increase the EU’s airlift capabilities by addressing shortages and increasing interoperability. The establishment of a permanent multinational airlift training centre (ETAC) marks a major step forward in European defence collaboration in the critical capability domain of tactical airlift.

11 nations are the owners of this agreement (BE, BG, CZ, DE, ES, FR, IT, LU NL, PT and NO) and they will share the burden to plan, organize and execute Advanced Airlift Courses, Training and Symposia in different locations (France, Italy, Bulgaria, Portugal & Sweden) by using a permanent lean C2 structure based at Zaragoza.

The third European Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Course for 2017 (EAATTC 17-3), hosted by the Spanish Airforce at Zaragoza airbase will run from 28 May to 9 June 2017.

Initiated under EDA Cat A European Air Transport Fleet (EATF) Programme and run together with the European Air Transport Command (EATC), the course has reached its maturity to be moved to a permanent organisation in charge of planning and executing courses. This course will represent the beginning of the transition phase of responsibilities between EDA and ETAC.

Five aircraft from four different countries will participate (Belgium: C130; Germany: C160; Poland C130 and Spain: C295 and C130) with support personnel coming from Italy, EATC as well as JAPCC.

This course is dedicated to single-ship flying missions which will evolve from an initial low level tactical scenario to a more complex air-to-air and ground-to-air threats environment. Nine flights are planned for the single ship course.

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**EATC Headquarters**

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