EXERCISE ITALIAN CALL 11

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The third exercise in the EDA's Helicopter Training Programme will be hosted by Italy and will be held at Viterbo, north of Rome between 24 May and 9 Jun 2011. Known as ITALIAN CALL 11, the exercise will practice the missions and procedures that might be required on future operations. A total of 30 helicopters will be involved. Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany and Slovenia will be sending aircraft and crews, with Lithuania and Greece sending observers.

The aim of the exercise is to train European crews and staff to operate in hot, dry and dusty environment adopting common procedures while operating as joint/combined Aviation Battalion in an exercise Crises Response Operations (CRO). The ISAF Theater of Operation will be used as Exercise Scenario.

The specific objectives are:

(1)   Planning and conducting operations and activities;

(2)   Provide a real opportunity for helicopter operators to share information and best practice;

(3)   Promote EDA pMS dialogue and cooperation;

(4)   Perform multi-ship formations, Communication, use of Forward Arm and Replenishment Points;

(5)   Conduct MEDEVAC, NVG, airmobile operations;

(6)   Conduct Target hand-over, operations with Troop in Contact (TIC);

(7)   Air/land convoy escort;

(8)   Employment of QRF/QRA assets;

(9)   Carry out joint/combined training both in dusty areas and mountain;

(10) Live firing exercises.

Planned participants:

ITALY	4 x A 129 2 x CH47C 2 x NH90 1 x SH-3D 4 x B-12
AUSTRIA	3 x AB212
BELGIUM	3 x A109
CZECH REPUBLIC	4 x Mi 171 2 x Mi 24
GERMANY	2 x CH-53
SLOVENIA	2 x Cougar

The planned outcomes are:

(1) Fostering mutual understanding, testing & enhancing use of common procedures;

(2) Identify future Bi-lateral opportunities for training cooperation;

(3) Increase crews opportunities to come together to integrate tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) into their training in preparation for their operational deploy;

(4) Enhance the skills of Helicopters operators and staff and personnel in using common Procedures.