



# The EATC

## A unique and successful example of Pooling & Sharing in Europe

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- **We are a successful example of P&S in Europe**
- **We generate trust and solidarity**
- **We contribute to the development of CSDP**
- **Our challenges**

# 1. A successful example of P&S in Europe



## Our overall objective

**To optimize the employment of assigned assets to  
improve the effectiveness and efficiency of  
the EATC Nations  
in the field of AT and AAR**

# A unique and successful concept



## Operational Pillar

(Pooling & Sharing of Assets)

- Planning
- Tasking
- Mission Control
- Analysis & Reporting

**Transfer of OPCON**



## Functional Pillar

(Centre of Expertise for AT)

- Common Policies
- Studies
- Harmonisation
- Interoperability

**Delegation of Responsibility**

**Host Nation Support**

# EATC Assets



**MRTT**  
A310  
KDC-10  
6



**Strategic**  
A310,  
A330,  
A340, DC-10  
7



**Tactical**  
C-130  
C-160  
116

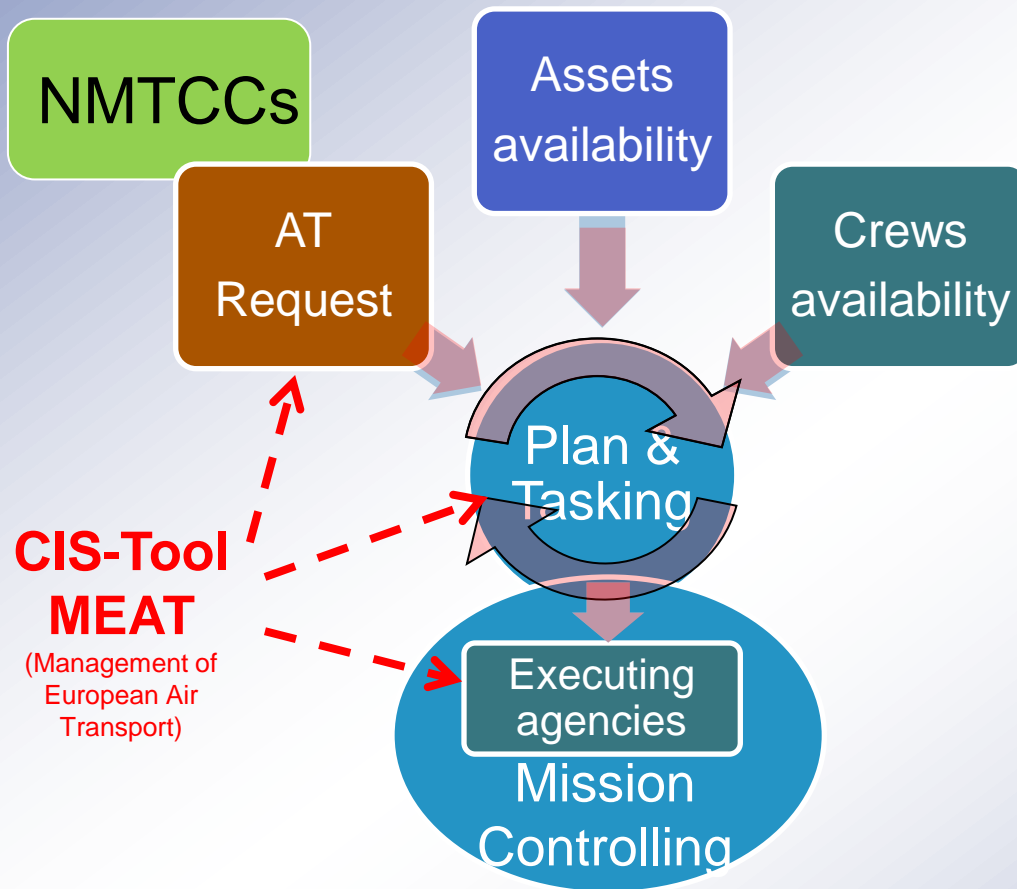


**Intermediate Tactical**  
Casa  
CN235  
27



**Potential EATC AT & AAR  
fleet  
App. 200**

# Operational Process

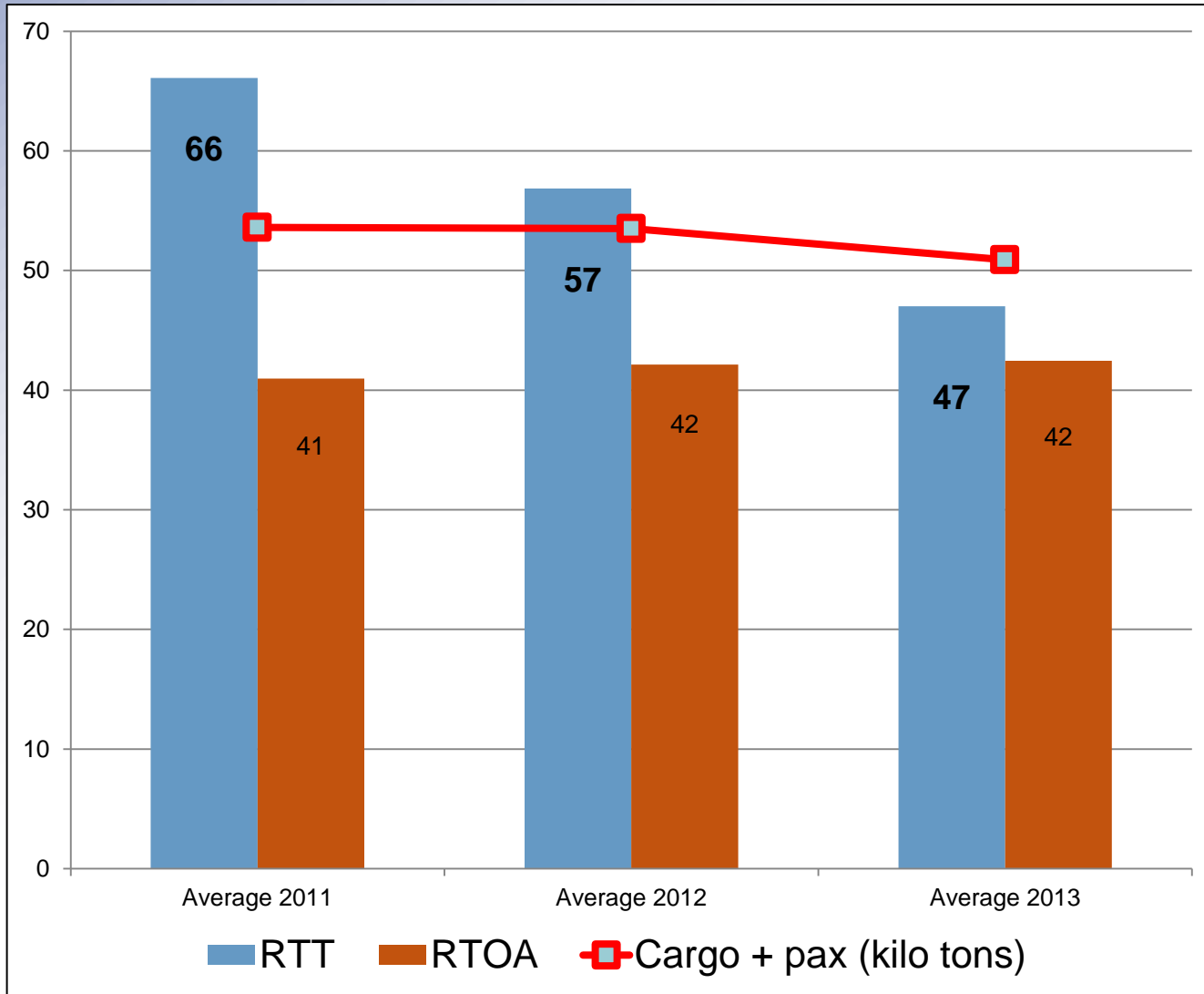


Effective and efficient selection of best available and most suitable assets



Less outsourcing  
Less empty space  
Additional training opportunities

# RTT and RTOA vs Freight Transported





## Regulations and procedures

- Common Flight duty regulations
- Common Diplomatic Clearance
- Harmonisation Aircrew Tactical qualifications
- Future common Ground operations manual

## Training and exercise

- Coordination and Promotion of Cross-national Training
- Promising success of EATT (and possibly of EAATTC) in partnership with EDA
- Cross-parachuting



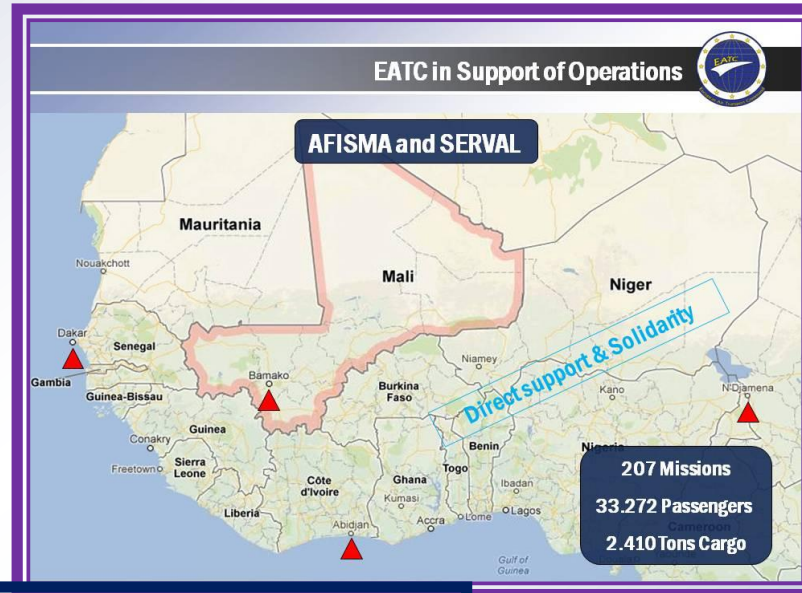
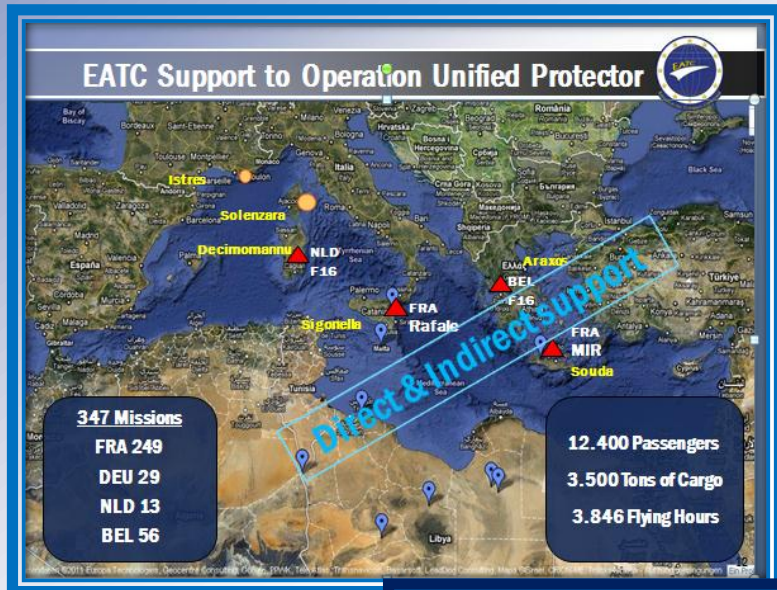
## **2. A generator of trust and solidarity**



**A virtuous circle is progressively growing  
within EATC  
and  
between EATC and the member nations**

**Its effects are visible in peacetime  
as well as  
in crisis time operations**

# EATC Logistical support to operations : OUP & SERVAL



## Lessons Identified AFISMA/SERVAL - Figures

- Solidarity of EATC' PNs to support Operation on theater (2 BE C-130, 3 DEU C-160 + 1 A310 AAR)

Flying hours			
	Assets under EATC OPCON	Assets <b>not</b> under EATC OPCON	Total
BEL	267	453	720
DEU C-160	154	1699	1853
DEU A310 MRTT Tanker incl. A340 and A319	43	521	564
NLD	17	-	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>2.673</b>	<b>3.154</b>

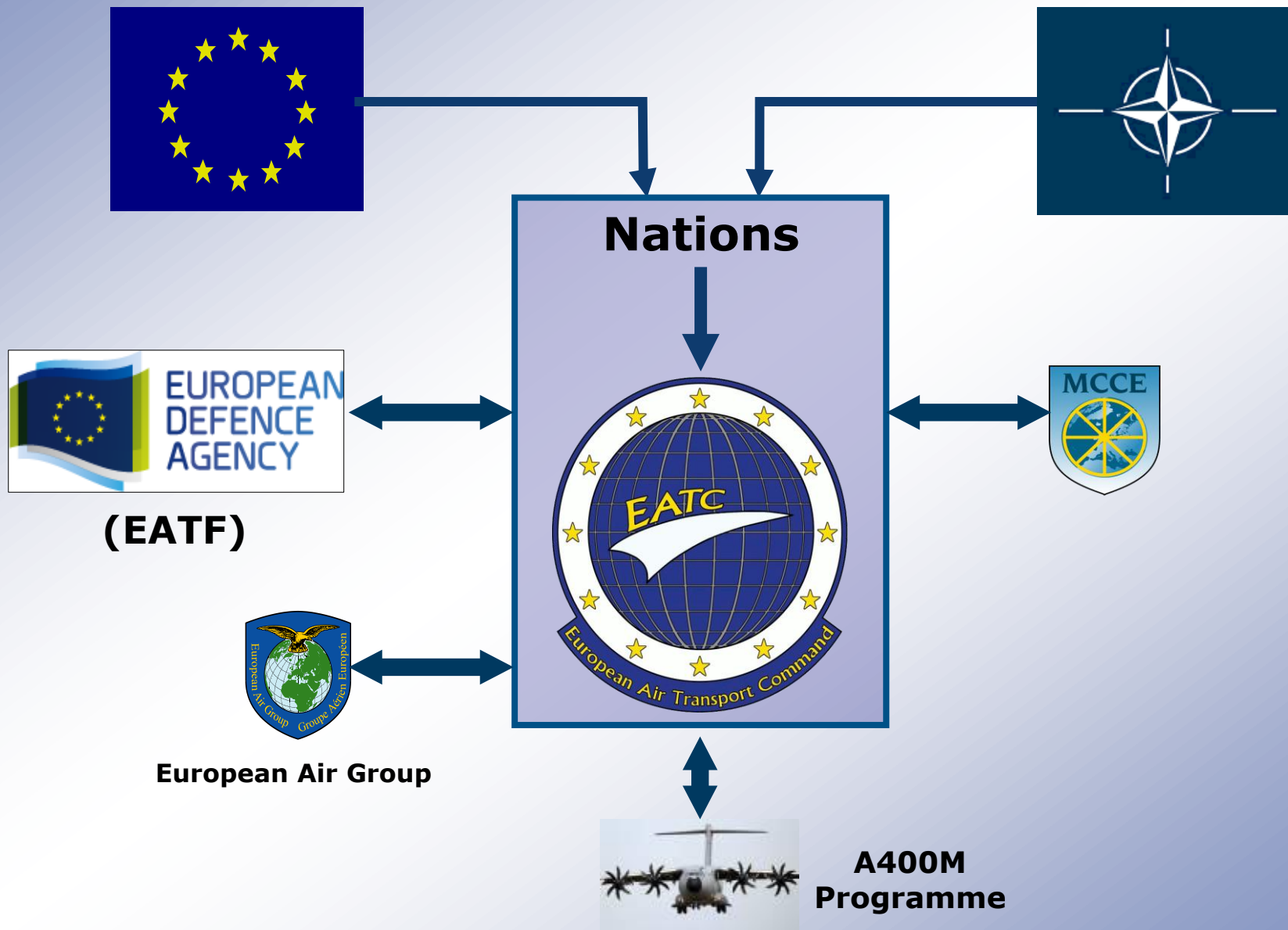


### 3. A contributor to the development of CSDP

**By paving the way for :**

- Establishment of common regulations related to AT (**D example**)
- Optimization of most of the European A400M fleets
- Development of a European AAR capability
- Development of a European tactical AT training capability

# EATC Working Relationships



# EATC to optimize most of European A400M fleets



- EATC chairing the A400M user Group
- Eventually EATC to control around **100 A400M**
- Granted significant responsibilities in the field of interoperability
  - Common concept of employment
  - Common training for Ground and Aircrews
  - Possible P&S of equipment and spare parts
- First (FRA) A400M placed under EATC control in Spring





## ➤ **OPCON over AAR assets**

- DEU: 1 A310 MRTT (max. 2)
- FRA: 4 C-160 (max. 14)
- NLD: 2 KDC-10

## ➤ **EATC to optimize future key enablers such as the MRTT and the A400M → need to be involved in AAR issues**

## ➤ **MRTT/AAR Operational Employment Working Group led by the EATC**

- Part of EDA initiative
- Promoter of the European Air Refueling Training



## ➤ **EATT 2014 (*European advanced tactical training*)**

- Bulgaria, Plovdiv International Airport
- 10 participating nations (6 in 2012, 8 in 2013)
- Wide range of training possibilities

## ➤ **EAATTC (*European advanced airlift tactics training course*)**

- First single ship course in Sept 2014 in Zaragoza (ESP)/8 PN
- 3 types of course developed
- In 2015 : first X-ship course in Orleans
- In 2019 : FOC (Core team : 6 permanent positions + Inst Pilots)

➔ **EATT and EAATTC represent a true and promising success**



- **Flight Duty Regulations**
- **Training**
- **Passengers and cargo regulations**
- **etc.**



➤ **Robust and clear concept** suited to the concerned capability

## Key Success Factors for a P&S initiative



➤ Concept to accommodate both **operational** and **functional** domains

➤ **Reversible delegation of authority** depending on Nations levels of ambition

➤ **Progressive approach**, return up to the amount of investment

➤ Sufficient **integration in** the respective **military structures**

➤ **Common robust IT-tool** to be developed and sustained

**+ Necessary involvement of the military chiefs**

## 4. Our main challenges



- **Still need to consolidate our business**
  - EATC integration in the nations' military structures
  - Coping with nations' increasing constraints (budget restrictions)
  - Keep progressing in the field of interoperability
  
- **Complete ESP and ITA accessions successfully**
  - Working practices
  - Technical issues
  - Multinational aspects
  
- **Maintain our attractiveness vis a vis the member nations**
  - Continue to demonstrate good return on investment
  - **Schooling** (EATC accreditation Mol European School)

