

Key NATO & Allied Exercises

June – December 2015

[Exercises](#) are important tools, allowing NATO to test concepts, procedures, and tactics. They help our forces learn to work together more effectively, and identify best practices and areas for improvement.

Exercises vary in scope, duration and form, ranging from live exercises involving thousands of troops to computer-assisted exercises that take place in a classroom. They are planned by NATO's two strategic commands – Allied Command Operations and Allied Command Transformation – taking into account operational requirements and specific objectives. While the majority of NATO's exercises are military, the Alliance organises political exercises as well.

NATO has been conducting military exercises since 1951. They have been open to all formal partner countries since 2010. Everything the Alliance does is defensive, proportionate, and in line with its international obligations. As part of NATO's commitment to transparency, our schedule of planned exercises is published [online](#).

There will be 280 NATO and Allied exercises held in 2015.



INFORMATION	DATE	LOCATION
<p>Exercise STEADFAST INDICATOR NATO-led. Evaluates the mission readiness and interoperability of NATO Response Force (NRF) Human Intelligence (HUMINT). Exercises HUMINT tradecraft in support of NATO Crisis Management Operations. Fields HUMINT Teams committed by nations to the NRF.</p>	25 May – 12 June	Romania
<p>Exercise CAPABLE LOGISTICIAN Multinational exercise – Visegrad 4 countries – Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. Logistic Standardization and Interoperability Field Training Exercise (IOX/FTX) focusing on logistics command and control, as well as theatre level logistics for NATO high visibility exercise Trident Juncture 2015. CL15 is also a training opportunity for V4 nations that will form the EU Battle Group 2016/I.</p>	1 – 26 June	Hungary
<p>Exercise BALTOPS 2015 Multinational/US-led exercise. Linked to NATO for planning, preparations, coordination and execution. Aimed to train marine interdiction operations, marine interdiction operations, board and search/seizure, anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, anti-air warfare, anti-surface warfare, helicopter cross-decking and amphibious landing. With AWACS participation. Invited nations: NLD, DNK, DEU, EST, FRA, GBR, LVA, LTU, POL, FIN, GEO, SWE</p>	5 – 20 June	Baltic Sea
<p>Exercise SABRE STRIKE 15 Multinational. Brigade-level Command Post Exercise (CPX) and Company-level Field Training Exercise (FTX) intended to promote regional stability and security, strengthen partner capacity, and foster trust while improving interoperability between NATO Partners. The overarching exercise concept focuses on preparation of HQs and troops for NRF and future operations. Lithuania will be the location for the CPX.</p>	8 – 19 June	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland

<p>Exercise Noble Jump (DEPLOYEX) NATO-led. First training tactical deployment of NATO's new high-readiness units under the new VJTF ("Spearhead") framework.</p>	10 – 21 June	Zagan, Poland
<p>Exercise Trident JOUST 15 NATO-led. To provide training for Joint Force Command Naples (JFC NP), and maintain NATO Response Force (NRF) level of proficiency / demonstrate capability to plan & execute operations. Additionally, to train: JFC NP's command & control over NRF 2015; and Joint Task Force HQ's ability to function as a deployed HQ while planning and conducting operations in a collective defence context.</p>	17 – 28 June	Bulgaria, Italy, Romania
<p>Exercise SEA BREEZE Multinational maritime exercise co-hosted with the Ukrainian Navy. Focus is on Maritime Security Operations. The scenario is a regional crisis emphasizing Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Relief and counter-piracy using fictional players in Blueland and Brownland. UN mandate to conduct counter-piracy operations at sea and on land and provide a secure environment for UN operations. PARTICIPATING NAVAL FORCES: AZE, AUT, BGR, CAN, DEU, GEO, GRC, MDA, NOR, ROU, SWE, TUR, UKR</p>	22 June – 3 July	Black Sea
<p>Exercise AGILE SPIRIT 2015 Georgian / EUCOM multilateral exercise. Field Training Exercise at company level with a scenario on Peacekeeping/Support Operations. Evaluation of Georgian capabilities by US and NATO to prepare another exercise in 2016.</p>	8 – 22 July	Georgia
<p>CZECH REPUBLIC DEPLOYS TO ICELAND To support NATO Airborne Surveillance and Interception Capabilities. To meet Iceland's Peacetime Preparedness Needs.</p>	20 July – 28 August	Keflavik, Iceland
<p>Exercise SLOVAK SHIELD 2015 To exercise crisis response strategic, operational and tactical tasks in order to maintain national security and defend the territorial integrity of the Slovak Republic. Battalion Size Task Force with participation of CZE, HUN, POL.</p>	14 September – 2 October	Slovakia
<p>Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE This exercise will facilitate the testing of intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance (ISTAR), command & control (C2) concept, interoperability, strategic communications and sustainment for the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF) – also known as the Spearhead Force.</p>	21 October – 6 November	Italy, Portugal, Spain
<p>Exercise ARCADE FUSION Multinational exercise consisting of a Command Post Exercise for the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) HQs, some 2-star HQs, and fielded forces from Lithuania (to be confirmed). This exercise will facilitate the testing of the NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU) concept, the command and control (C2) concept, and interoperability.</p>	9 – 21 November	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, United Kingdom

All exercise information in the table courtesy of SHAPE.

The expanded schedule of exercises is available here: <http://www.aco.nato.int/schedule.aspx>

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