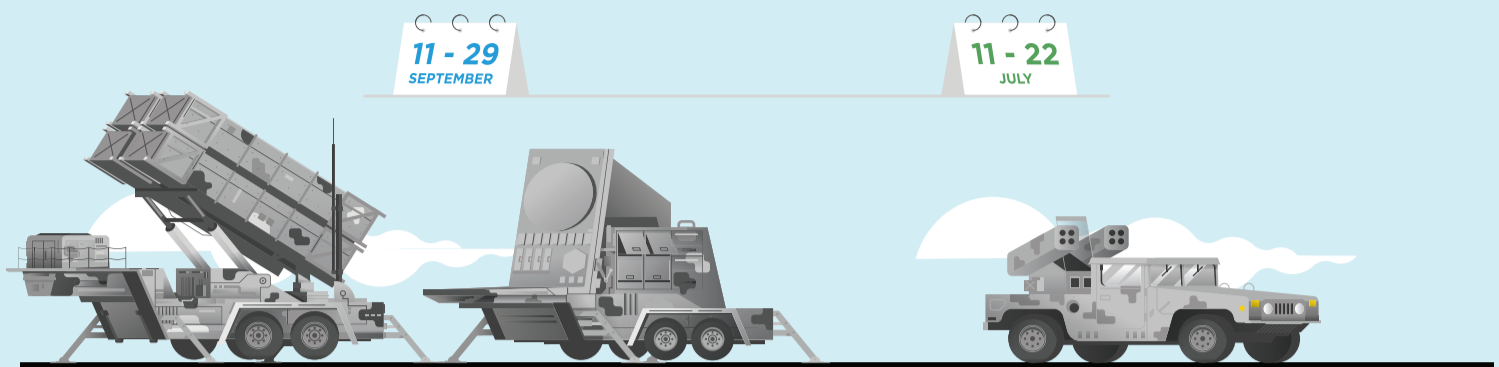


COLLABORATING FOR STRONGER DEFENSE

EU-US military exercises have increased in recent years. Taking place on EU soil, these exercises allow for more interoperability between countries on both sides of the Atlantic and their respective systems, while also strengthening communication and network compatibility between forces.



AURORA 2017

A national exercise to build a stronger defense and increase the overall capability to face an attack on Sweden. Aurora 17 was the first armed forces exercise, and the biggest national exercise in Sweden, in more than 20 years.

OBJECTIVE

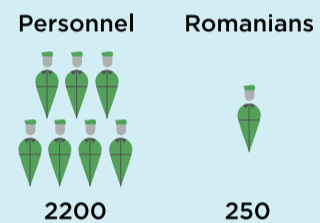
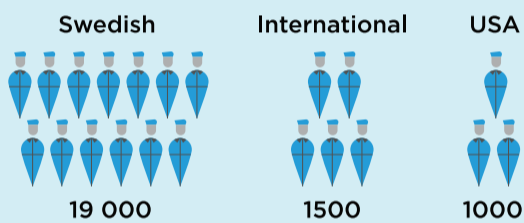
TOBRUQ LEGACY 2017

An opportunity to improve the level of interoperability of multinational Surface-Based Air (SBAD) and Missile Defense systems. In its third year, Tobruq Legacy 2017 is the largest SBAD exercise in NATO.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



NUMBER OF TROOPS



TERRITORY OF EXERCISES

Air

- Stockholm
- Gothenburg
- Hagshult
- Visby & Halmstad

Land

- Camp Säve
- Skövde
- Gotland

Sea

Germany

Romania

Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base

Czech

Hradiště Military Training Area

Lithuania

Šiauliai Base

Three Surface-Based Air Defense Operations Centers that allow for the integration of different types of defense systems and multinational cooperation

During TL17, tasked with generating a Recognized Air Picture (RAP) and transmitting it to NATO Allied Air Command (AIRCOM)

Commanded and controlled by US, Czech, and Lithuanian battalions

Air

Air defense exercise, centered on civil-military cooperation

Operational transport practice for the defense of Gotland where equipment and troops were shipped to the island by both air and sea

Focus on civilian response and rescue alongside continued military response via air defense

Technology used included Patriot Air & Missile Defense system, simulating a response to counter air attack

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Improved Sweden's preparedness and civilian-military cooperation in response to a military attack
- Enhanced countries' understanding of one another's military structures, processes, and tools
- Encouraged sharing of best practices between participants
- Strengthened Sweden's ability to respond to complex attacks
- Increased interoperability between air & missile defense systems across multiple countries
- Strengthened coordination and cooperation between participating country forces
- Improved data gathering and information sharing between countries for more informed decision-making during defense scenarios
- Created a common understanding of NATO procedures