

2019 European Deterrence Initiative (EDI) Fact Sheet



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The EDI program builds on previous U.S. investments and reflects the priorities of the National Defense Strategy by improving the readiness, responsiveness, lethality and resiliency of U.S. forces in Europe in order to strengthen our deterrence posture and enhance our defense capabilities.

The FY 2019 EDI request does not fund any increase in the number of U.S. forces permanently stationed in Europe. EDI funding supports the presence of additional rotational U.S. forces in Europe.

Five Elements of our U.S. European Command's Plan to implement EDI (FY 2019 Request):

1. Increased presence of rotational U.S. forces to deter and respond throughout Europe
2. Exercises and Training which improves readiness and interoperability of allies and partners
3. Enhanced Prepositioning which enables deployment of additional forces if necessary
4. Improved Infrastructure improvements in support of defense and deterrence requirements
5. Building Partnership Capacity which strengthens the capacity of allies and partners to defend themselves

Current Service-specific EDI-funded Requests:

U.S. Army: Heal-to-toe presence of an Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) with enablers, a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), a Battalion to support NATO's Enhance Forward Presence (eFP), continued buildout of the APS Unit Set.

U.S. Air Force: Retain F-15C aircraft in Europe, Continue Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) interoperability to enable intelligence sharing with NATO and European partners, Continue Theater Security Packages and aviation rotations; Air Policing and Surveillance activities; Flying Training Exercises; and airlift support, funds improvements to airfield infrastructure and prepositioning of equipment in Europe.

U.S. Navy: Upgrades infrastructure to support Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare operations, prepositioning of equipment, and other logistic requirements.

U.S. Marine Corps: Supports engagements with Allies and partners throughout Europe by rotational forces.

Defense-wide: Support to NATO and multinational exercises, and USEUCOM's Joint Exercise Program; U.S. participation in NATO Very High Readiness Joint Task Force exercises; Funding for Multi-National Information Sharing capability.

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