

# FY 2020 European Deterrence Initiative (EDI) Fact Sheet



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## Overview:

The European Deterrence Initiative (EDI), announced in 2014 as the European Reassurance Initiative (ERI), enables the United States to enhance the U.S. deterrence posture, increase the readiness and responsiveness of U.S. forces in Europe, support the collective defense and security of NATO allies, and bolster the security and capacity of U.S. allies and partners.

*The FY 2020 EDI request does not fund any increase in the number of U.S. forces permanently stationed in Europe. EDI funding does, however, support the presence of additional rotational U.S. forces in Europe.*

## Five Elements of our U.S. European Command's Plan to implement EDI (FY 2020 Request \$5,910.6M):

- **Increased Presence (\$2,051M):** The U.S. will continue to support a more robust U.S. military rotational presence throughout the European theater that is capable of deterring, and, if required, responding to regional threats.
- **Exercises and Training (\$609M):** An increase in the training tempo improves overall readiness and interoperability of NATO's allies and partners, and can serve as a deterrent measure against aggressive regional actors.
- **Enhanced Prepositioning (\$2,359M):** The continued placement of prepositioned equipment throughout the theater that supports steady-state continued activities, while also enabling the rapid deployment of forces to theater if required.
- **Improved Infrastructure (\$517M):** Key infrastructure improvements throughout the theater will support U.S. military operational requirements.
- **Build Partnership Capacity (\$374M):** Expanded engagements and exercises will strengthen the capacity of allies and partners to defend themselves and enable their full participation as operational partners.

## Current Service-specific EDI-funded Requests:

**U.S. Army:** Continue presence of an Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) with enablers, a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), and a Battalion to support NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence (eFP).

**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 aviation rotational forces, Air Policing and Surveillance activities, Flying Training Exercises, and Airlift support; Fund improvements to airfield infrastructure and prepositioning in Europe.

**U.S. Navy:** Upgrade Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare infrastructure.

**U.S. Marine Corps:** Enhance scale and scope of rotational and deployed force element participation in exercise and training events in support of USEUCOM priority lines of effort; Intra-theater movement of prepositioned equipment and forces.