

# Fact Sheet

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## European Activity Set

The European Activity Set (EAS) is an Army-owned, Army Materiel Command (AMC)-managed equipment set that enables more efficient employment of the CONUS-based Regionally Allocated Force (RAF).

EAS originally consisted of a single Combined Arms Battalion set that provided equipment but has expanded to a full Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) equipment set primarily employed to conduct Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR) activities in support of the European Reassurance Initiative (ERI). EAS consists of 12,000 pieces of equipment of which approximately 250 are tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and self-propelled Howitzers; approximately 1,750 other pieces are support vehicles.

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and Former Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Ray Odierno, announced in the summer of 2015 that EAS sets would be placed in locations in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, and Germany.

In September 2015, the RAF, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, drew EAS equipment from the initial storage facility at Coleman Worksite near Mannheim, Germany. The equipment was used until December for training and exercises in the OAR nations – Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania – and at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany.

Beginning in December 2015, the RAF began turning-in equipment at the first forward EAS storage sites at Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, Romania; Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria; and Mumaiciai, Lithuania; a portion of the set will be stored in Grafenwoehr. Sites in other countries are planned in the future.

The types and amounts of equipment vary at each site and is based on the training being conducted at or near the location and the infrastructure available. The exact number of pieces of equipment at each site will change frequently due to a variety of factors which include training missions, maintenance requirements and the availability of other EAS positioning sites.

Storing U.S. equipment within Allied and partner nations allows Regionally Allocated Forces easier access to that equipment when and where it is needed for training, which saves time, resources, and potentially U.S. taxpayer dollars.

U.S. Army Europe conducted extensive research into equipment and personnel training requirements and locations that could support the EAS Positioning Concept. Major considerations included current and possible base infrastructure and proximity to training locations.

Allies allowing us to store and maintain equipment in their countries is a clear example of the depth of our relationships and commitment to our collective security.

**Headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany, and with about 30,000 personnel at seven major garrisons in three countries, U.S. Army Europe is uniquely positioned in its 51 country Area of Responsibility to advance American strategic interests in Europe and Eurasia. The relationships we build during more than 1,000 theater security cooperation events in more than 40 countries each year lead directly to support for multinational contingency operations around the world, strengthen regional partnerships, and enhance global security.**