



TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015



What is TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015 (TRJE 15)?

Trident Juncture 2015 (TRJE 15) is a flagship activity for NATO's Connected Forces Initiative. More than 30,000 military personnel from over 30 countries will take part in this high visibility exercise, whose aim is to train and certify the NATO Response Force (NRF) 2016, a highly ready and technologically advanced multinational force able to deploy at short notice whenever it is needed.



Partner Nations



Finland



Austria



Sweden



FYROM⁽¹⁾



Ukraine



Australia



BiH

All 28 members of NATO except for Iceland, Luxembourg and Slovakia

**More than 30,000
personnel**

What is the purpose of this exercise?

The fact that Spain is one of the host nations of the exercise, together with Italy and Portugal, shows the country's commitment to NATO and collective defence. TRJE 15 is a direct consequence of the new Strategic Concept adopted at the NATO summit in Lisbon in 2010, during which all members endorsed the Connected Forces Initiative (CFI) to guarantee their ability to conduct joint operations. The continuous contribution of national contingents to NRF has turned the latter into the driving force behind the transformation of the Alliance.

The final objective of the training process is that by 2020 NATO will have at its disposal modern and well-equipped, trained and commanded forces able to operate together. NRF will help NATO maintain its high level of availability and effectiveness through an extensive training programme which will involve more exercises and an improved use of technology.

1.- Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia by its constitutional name.

TRJE 15 PHASES

Part 1: CPX/CAX 3-6 October 2015

It will take place from 3 to 16 October. Its aim is to assess and certify the command structure of NRF 2016. HQ NRDC-ESP will act as Land Component Command of a Joint Force led by Joint Force Command, Brunssum (JFC BS).

Part 2: LIVEX 21 October to 6 November 2015

Conceived as the focal point of the Connected Forces Initiative (CFI), Livex is a training exercise of forces at the tactical level. It will develop according to the Serialised Field Training Programme, which gradually advances in complexity and magnitude and culminates in a joint offensive operation.



16 SCENARIOS IN 3 COUNTRIES

The exercise will take place in 16 different scenarios in Spain, Italy, Portugal and the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Nearly 20,000 personnel will be deployed at eight locations in Spain:

- The “San Gregorio” and “Chinchilla” training centres (Zaragoza and Albacete respectively).
- The “Álvarez de Sotomayor” firing range and exercise field (Almería).
- The amphibious Training Field at Sierra del Retín (Cádiz).
- The air bases at Albacete, Son Sant Joan (Palma de Mallorca), Torrejón (Madrid) and Zaragoza.

Nearly 8,000 Spanish soldiers from the three armed forces will take part in the exercise, the largest national contribution to the exercise.



TRANSPARENCY

One of the aims of NATO is to build trust internationally. The TRJE 15 exercise was planned well in advance, has an eminently defensive character and is open to observers from other countries and organisations. The African Union and several friendly countries are expected to attend – some, at the request of Spain: Brazil, Colombia, Morocco and Tunisia.



The attendance of non-NATO countries illustrates the Alliance's transparency and its commitment to global security.



Spain will extend invitations to all the member states by virtue of its responsibilities as a signatory to the Vienna Document on Confidence and Security Building Measures, adopted by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2011.





SPANISH ARMY CONTRIBUTION



The Army will contribute over 4,700 military personnel to the exercise, from the following units:

- Headquarters of NATO's Rapid Deployable Corps (NRDC-ESP Bétera, Valencia).
- 1st Intelligence Regiment (Valencia).
- High Readiness Force Land HQ (HRF(L) HQ) Support Battalion (Bétera, Valencia).
- 1st Military Police Battalion (Bétera, Valencia).
- 7th Brigade "Galicia" (Figueirido, Pontevedra).
- Operational Support Force.
- Logistic Brigade (Zaragoza).
- Health Brigade (Pozuelo de Alarcón, Madrid).
- 6th Parachute Brigade "Almogávares" (Paracuellos del Jarama, Madrid).
- 1st Aragón Brigade (Zaragoza).
- Balearic Islands General Command (Palma de Mallorca).
- Special Operations Command (Alicante).
- Army Helicopter Forces (Colmenar Viejo, Madrid).
- 1st NCB Regiment "Valencia" (Paterna, Valencia).
- 21st Signals Regiment
- 1st Civil Affairs Battalion (Valencia).



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