



STEADFAST DEFENDER 24 (STDE24), the principal NATO multi-domain exercise for 2024, is a series of national and multinational large-scale live exercises (LIVEX) conducted across various geographical locations within SACEUR's area of responsibility. It is the largest NATO exercise in decades, with approximately 90,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen from 31 Allies and Sweden, and it will be based on NATO's new defence plans.

Exercise aim:

STDE24 will demonstrate NATO's ability to rapidly deploy forces from North America and other parts of the Alliance to reinforce the defence of Europe. This reinforcement will occur during a simulated emerging conflict scenario with a near-peer adversary. It will show that NATO can conduct and sustain complex multi-domain operations over several months, across thousands of kilometres, from the High North to Central and Eastern Europe, and in any condition.

STDE24 will be a clear demonstration of NATO's transatlantic unity, strength and determination to continue to do all that is necessary to protect each other, our common values and the rules-based international order. NATO exercises are defensive, transparent, proportionate, and conducted in full respect of our international obligations.

Fast Facts:

- ❖ Participation from approximately 90,000 personnel from all 31 Allies and Sweden
- ❖ More than 50 naval assets including aircraft carriers, frigates, corvettes and destroyers
- ❖ More than 80 air platforms including F35s, FA18s, Harriers, F15s, Helicopters and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles provided by Norway, UK, USA, Finland, Spain, Poland and Hungary
- ❖ More than 1,100 combat vehicles including 166 Tanks, 533 Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs), and 417 Armoured personnel carriers (APCs)
- ❖ The last comparable large scale NATO exercises were REFORGER in 1988, with 125,000 participating personnel, and TRIDENT JUNCTURE in 2018, with 50,000 participating personnel

PART 1:

24 JAN – 15 MAR 2024: Transatlantic Reinforcement by Forces

Part 1 is a maritime-focused live exercise (LIVEX) led by Joint Force Command Norfolk that will train headquarters through rehearsing the strategic deployment of forces to continental Europe. This will also include demonstration of NATO's ability to execute an amphibious assault in a permissive and/or non-permissive environment.

Associated exercises during part 1	*Date	Location
USA & CAN Task Group Deployment	Late Jan	Norfolk/Virginia, Atlantic
MARCOM LIVEX	11 - 20 Feb	Atlantic, Spain
JOINT WARRIOR	24 Feb - 3 Mar	UK
NORDIC RESPONSE	5 - 14 Mar	Norway



PART 2:

12 FEB – 31 MAY 2024: Multi-domain Enablement & Employment of Forces

Part 2 is a multi-domain demonstration of NATO, national and multinational military capabilities across continental Europe led by Joint Force Command Brunssum, in coordination with national exercise leads. A focal point of Part 2 will exercise the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF) deploying to Poland where the VJTF will be integrated into the Polish DRAGON 24 exercise.

Associated exercises during part 2		*Date	Location
BRILLIANT JUMP		12 - 28 Feb	Germany, Poland
DRAGON 24		25 Feb - 14 Mar	Poland
TROJAN FOOTPRINT 24		29 Feb – 14 Mar	Greece, Romania, Georgia
CRYSTAL ARROW		4 -15 Mar	Latvia
DEFENDER 24	SABER STRIKE 24	8 - 30 Apr	Germany, Poland, Lithuania
	IMMEDIATE RESPONSE 24	30 Mar - 31 May	Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Norway, Poland, Sweden
	SWIFT RESPONSE 24	5 - 24 May	Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Sweden
BRAVE WARRIOR		1 - 25 May	Hungary
SPRING STORM		6 - 17 May	Estonia
GRAND QUADRIGA		15 - 30 May	Germany, Lithuania

*Dates may be subject to change

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