



AWACS REVIEW



NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen

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Study shows NATO Air Base's positive financial influence in the Tri-Border region and worldwide

For the E-3A Component at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen in Germany the outstanding feature of the year 2008 was the completion of the NATO Mid-Term Programme. This multiyear programme resulted in improvement of navigation systems, digital communication, installation of five additional workstations, and other enhancements. As a result of this modernization the AWACS is and will continue to be an important NATO asset for maintaining peace and security. Its missions during 2008 included the safeguarding of the NATO Summit in Romania, and this year the NATO Summit in Germany/France, the US-EU Summit in the Czech Republic, and the UN Summit on Afghanistan held in the Netherlands. The E-3A Component is currently preparing for a possible mission in support of the ISAF operation in Afghanistan. A definitive political decision on this issue has not yet been taken.



In addition to providing humanitarian assistance and supporting counter-terrorism efforts the Component has a large and very positive economic impact in the surrounding communities on both the German and the Dutch side of the border.

Every year since 2005 we have conducted an Economic Impact Study to ascertain the Component's financial significance. This study distinguishes between the local area within a radius

of 200 km and the parts of Europe and North America beyond it.

The Component's financial impact on the surrounding area and its economic growth rose significantly from 2005 to 2008, from € 397.1 million to € 447.3 million, an increase of € 50.2 million. In 2008, the salaries paid to our workforce of 3,050 military and civilian personnel amounted to € 150.7 million, an increase of € 15.1 million since 2005.

The Component also invested a total of € 81.3 in construction projects, service contracts, materials, equipment and supplies, a significant € 19.4 boost from 2005.

Every day we receive positive reactions and encouragement from our neighbours and other partners. For the past 25 years, the Component has achieved many successes, which could not have occurred without dedicated support from the people who call the Tri-Border Region their home. As evidenced in the Economic Impact Study, this partnership between the Component, the surrounding communities, and our team around the world continues to thrive. May it also do so into 2009 and in the future.



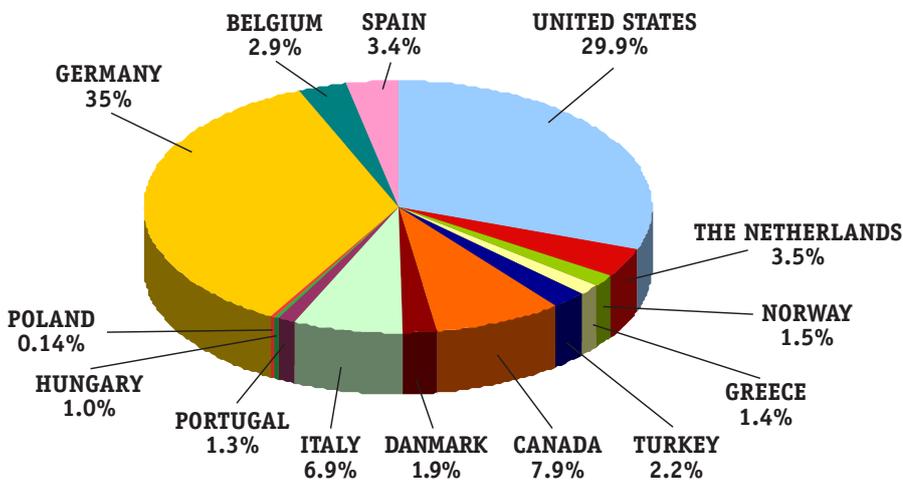
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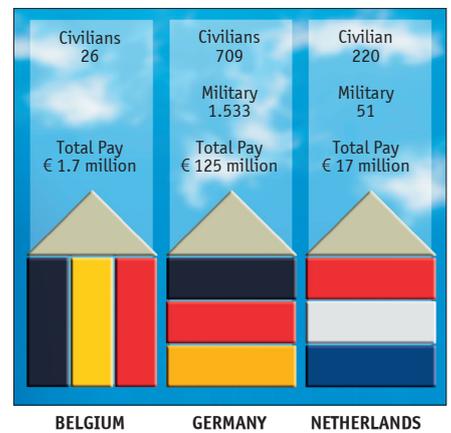
2008 Economic Impact Study by the number:

- 2008 annual payroll of € 150.7 million
- NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen created 1,716 indirect jobs in the local community, generating approximately € 43.8 million in salaries
- Total 2008 economic impact within 200-kilometre radius = € 275.8 million
- Total 2008 overall economic impact = € 447.3 million
- NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen invested € 81.3 million in construction projects, service contracts, materials, equipment and supplies, a major € 4.4 million increase from 2007

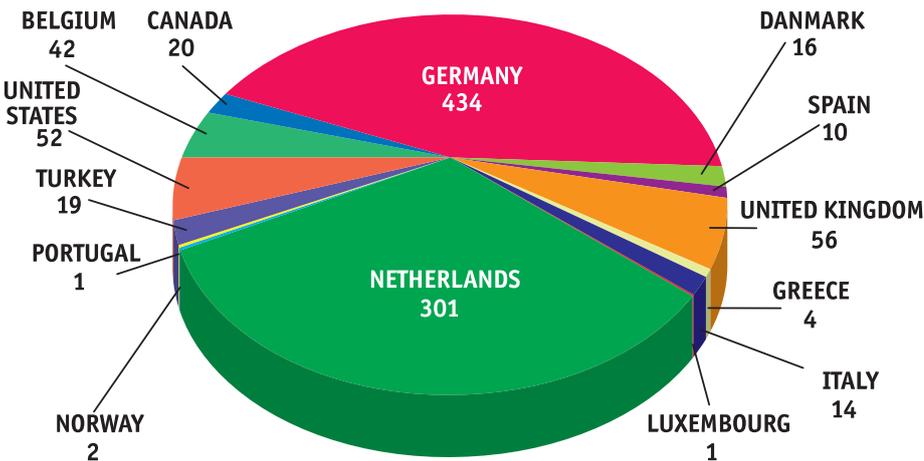
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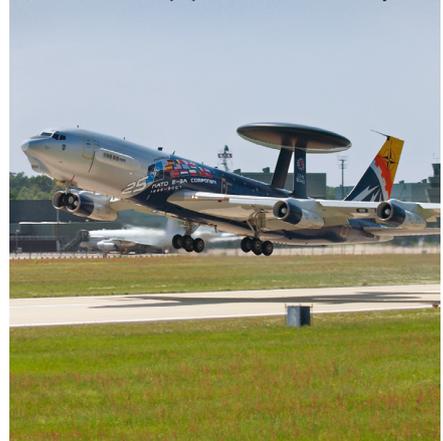
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