



Facts about Exercise BRILLIANT JUMP 2022 (as at 2 Mar 22)

Every year, the NATO Response Force (NRF) trains the deployment of troops throughout the Alliance's territory in the frame of the Brilliant Jump training cycle. Leadership rotates between the two operational Headquarters of NATO in Europe, Joint Force Command Brunssum (JFCBS) and Joint Force Command Naples (JFCNP). Likewise, the leadership of the VJTF rotates between NATO nations.



This year, JFCBS is in charge of Exercise Brilliant Jump. Land forces are led by the French Rapid Reaction Corps (RRC), stationed in Lille.

The NATO country hosting Brilliant Jump in 2022 is Norway. From 28 February until 17 March 2022, NATO will conduct Brilliant Jump as one of its main exercises of the year, involving naval, air and land forces from across the Alliance. This long-planned Exercise will demonstrate the readiness and mobility of the NRF. The rapid deployment to Norway will also enhance the interoperability of Allies.



Approximately 2,500 troops, mainly drawn from four NATO nations (France, Italy, Poland and Spain) will participate on land. The troops under the command of NATO's High Readiness German/French Brigade include:

- The French 3rd Hussars Regiment (3rd RH) with approximately 400 troops;
- The French 1st Infantry Regiment (1st IR) with approximately 200 troops;
- The Polish 1st Motorized Battalion "The Legion" from the 12th Infantry Brigade, with approximately 160 troops;
- The Spanish "León Battalion" of the Alcázar de Toledo Armored Regiment 61st, with approximately 270 troops;
- An Italian Special Forces Contingent, with approximately 40 troops.





Approximately 230 personnel, from the French Counter-Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Task Force (CBRN-TF) based on The 2nd Dragons Regiment (2nd RD) will participate in the exercise in order to support the deployed troops with its essential capabilities.

These forces will be supported by ten warships from eight NATO nations (Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway and The United Kingdom) with some 750 sailors operating off the coast of Norway alongside air assets drawn from NATO member states.

The troops deploy from their home bases and garrisons by sea and air to Norway. The majority of components will arrive at Frederikstad in the south of Norway, with sea transports of material and troops running from 9 until 14 March. In parallel, troops fly in to Gardermoen Airport, near Oslo, in the period from 7 until 14 March. They then pick up their vehicles and equipment, and travel by road via the staging area in Rygge to the Royal Norwegian Armed Forces Camps of Jørstadmoen, close to Lillehammer some 185 km, and Rena, some 170 km north of Oslo.

In both training areas, the NRF forces then prepare for the follow-on exercise. This year, Exercise Brilliant Jump 2022 will lead directly into the bi-yearly Norwegian-led Exercise Cold Response 2022, which runs from 14 March to 1 April 2022. Cold Response is a defensive exercise under a NATO Article 5 scenario. The aim is to train the reinforcement of Allies under challenging climatic conditions, enhancing the readiness and capabilities of the participating forces. Up to 35,000 troops from 28 nations will participate, including NATO partner nations, Finland and Sweden.

Norway and Allies are committed to transparency and risk reduction. For that reason, Norway announced this long-planned exercise two years in advance in accordance with the requirements of the Vienna Document. The Vienna Document obliges all host nations to notify the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) of major military Exercises. For that reason, Norway has invited all OSCE member states to send observers to Exercise Cold Response 2022.