

Air Component Command

The Air Component Command (ACC) in Kalkar is the German Air Force's pivot of Air Command and Control (AirC2) in Germany.

The Command includes the German Joint Force Air Component Headquarters (JFAC HQ (DEU)), the Luftwaffe's (Lw) C2 element to command and control national and multinational air operations and missions.

Vital part of the JFAC is the 24/7 Lw Operations Centre, combining the interministerial National Air Security Centre and the National Ballistic Missile Defence Operations Centre with cells for air-space and system management, supporting functions and the Air Force situational picture.



To support larger operations, the JFAC HQ (DEU) will require additional well-trained subject matters experts (SMEs) from Germany and participating partners.

Consequently, the Lw has established, as part of the ACC, a Training Centre which contributes to providing and maintaining a strong community of AirC2 experts in NATO and EU nations.

AirC2 Cluster Kalkar/Uedem



Kalkar/Uedem can be referred to as the hub for AirC2 in Germany and the northern part of the NATO Alliance.

Four entities, NATO's Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) Uedem, the Joint Air Power Competence Centre (JAPCC - a NATO Centre of Excellence), the German Space Command, and the Air Component Command (ACC) provide common enhanced understanding and the latest knowledge on AirC2 instruments and processes, as well as AirC2 leadership. This makes Kalkar/Uedem a perfect place for AirC2 Training of German military personnel and international partners.

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German AirC2 Training Centre

- NATO accredited since 2020 -



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The German AirC2 Training Centre (DEU AirC2 TC) has been established as part of the Luftwaffe ACC in 2013. It has been NATO accredited since 2020 and up to today trained more than 3.000 German and nearly 1.000 international students.

Thus, the DEU AirC2 TC has contributed to having sufficient numbers of competent officers available for command and control of the air domain. The Luftwaffe has made basic AirC2 training mandatory for all their future staff officers.

Basic Course (Developing initial understanding)	OF-1/2	AirC2 Basic Course		
Advanced Courses (Tailored to JFAC HQ divisions)	Personnel assigned to JFAC posts	Command Group	Combat Plans Division	ISR Division
		Strategy Division	Combat OPS Division	Combat Service Support Division
Mobile Trainings (offered abroad on request)	Subject to request	AirC2 Training abroad		

Proper management of Air Power needs broad, but also specific knowledge, understanding and skills. The range of courses offered by DEU AirC2 TC therefore comprises one-week basic courses and one/two-week advanced courses. Additionally, the centre provides, on request, mobile training teams, to support training outside Kalkar and abroad.

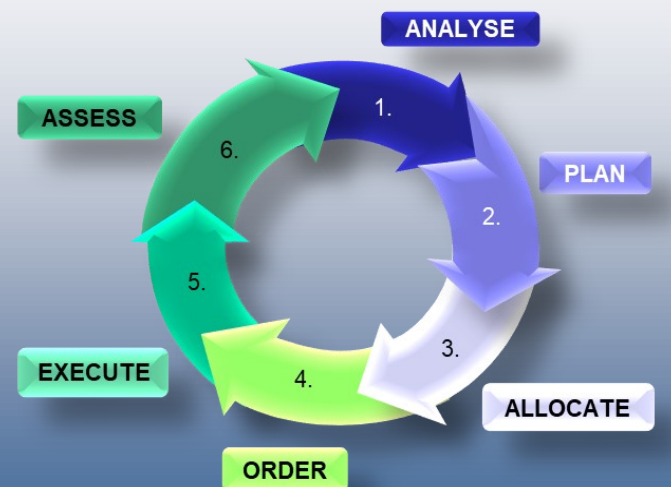
Once a year, COM ACC invites flag officers to discuss imminent Air Power/AirC2 challenges in a multi-domain environment.

Basic Training

The basic AirC2 course aims at developing a mature AirC2 understanding of air operations in a combined and multi-domain environment according to NATO doctrines, to fulfil NATO and NATO nations' requirements.



In particular, course participants will be introduced into the main elements of the command and control process and receive a first insight into the JFAC HQ organizational and functional structure. They will also acquire general skills necessary to support the planning of complex air operations.



Advanced Training

Personnel earmarked for a post in a JFAC HQ will receive additional AirC2 training.

The advanced courses are specifically tailored to provide the individual training required in a standard NATO JFAC HQ divisional structure.

They are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills which will enable them in their respective positions to contribute to the specific tasks of their respective divisions. Consequently, six specific advanced training courses are offered.



The course content focuses on procedures for the execution of divisional tasks and includes the handling of specific AirC2-related IT.