Since the Ukraine crisis, NATO has increased its presence in the eastern part of our Alliance. NATO has increased the number of aircraft, ships, and troops to the region on a rotational basis. NATO has tripled the size of the NATO Response Force to more than 40,000 troops. As the spearhead NATO has established the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF).

This folder shows the Danish contributions to NATO Assurance Measures in 2016. With more than 5,000 Danish soldiers on exercises over the year, Denmark sends a clear signal to our allies in NATO.
Danish Maritime contributions in 2016

1. **EXERCISE COLD RESPONSE**
   - Norwegian led Crisis Response exercise with participation of two Danish frigates
   - 29 February – 9 March 2016
   - 236 soldiers

2. **EXERCISE FLOTEX SILVER**
   - Norwegian led naval warfare exercise with participation of an Ocean Patrol Vessel
   - 16 – 26 November 2016
   - 53 soldiers

3. **EXERCISE JOINT WARRIOR**
   - UK led multinational exercise in naval warfare
   - 9 – 21 April 2016
   - 426 soldiers

4. **EXERCISE NIGHT HAWK**
   - Danish led multinational exercise with focus on training of Special Operations Task Groups and Special Operations Air Task Groups
   - 26 September – 6 October 2016
   - 119 soldiers

5. **EXERCISE BALTIQUE FORTRESS**
   - Latvian led multinational exercise with focus on Mine Counter Measures
   - 6 – 13 May 2016
   - 30 soldiers

6. **EXERCISE OPEN SPIRIT**
   - Lithuanian led NATO exercise with focus on Mine Counter Measures
   - 13 – 27 May 2016
   - 30 soldiers

7. **EXERCISE NORTHERN COAST**
   - German led and Danish planned naval warfare exercise
   - 1 – 15 September 2016
   - 339 soldiers

8. **EXERCISE US BALTOPS**
   - US led Partnership for Peace exercise with focus on naval warfare
   - 3 – 18 June 2016
   - 144 soldiers
Danish Army contributions in 2016

**EXERCISE SABER KNIGHT**
- Danish Division staff exercise with Baltic and Danish brigade headquarters
- 250 soldiers - 6 – 16 June 2016

**EXERCISE SPRING STORM**
- Collective training of Baltic and Danish engineer comp.
- 4 soldiers - May 2016

**EXERCISE DETONATOR**
- Collective training of Baltic and Danish Explosive Ordnance Disposal units
- 40 soldiers - 1 – 14 October 2016

**VJTF COLLECTIVE TRAINING**
- Training of the Danish Battle Group to VJTF 2017
- 850 soldiers - 4 – 10 April 2016

**EXERCISE SILVER ARROW**
- Latvian led army exercise.
- 150 soldiers - 17 – 30 October 2016

**EXERCISE NIGHT HAWK**
- Danish led multinational exercise with focus on training of Special Operations Task Groups and Special Operations Air Task Groups
- 300 soldiers - 26 September – 6 October 2016

**STAFF TRAINING**
- Danish Division staff training with Baltic and Danish brigade headquarters in Lithuania
- 200 soldiers - 4 – 7 February 2016

**EXERCISE RED KNIGHT**
- Danish Division staff exercise with Baltic and Danish brigade headquarters
- 250 soldiers - 7 – 12 February 2016

**EXERCISE SABER STRIKE**
- Certification exercise of the Danish contribution to the VJTF(land) in 2017
- 1,000 soldiers - 16 – 24 June 2016

**EXERCISE ERRANT KNIGHT**
- Danish Division staff exercise with Baltic and Danish brigade headquarters
- 250 soldiers - 10 – 14 October 2016

**EXERCISE ALLIED SPIRIT**
- Danish infantry company participating in NATO led exercise
- 150 soldiers - 4 – 9 September 2016
### Danish Special Operation Forces contributions in 2016

**STAFF TRAINING**
- Training of Special Operations Component Command to NATO Response Force 2017
- 2 soldiers - 23 February – 3 March 2016

**STAFF CERTIFICATION**
- National training and certification of the Danish Special Operations Command
- 5 soldiers - 12 – 25 September 2016

**EXERCISE NIGHT HAWK**
- Danish led multinational exercise with focus on training of Special Operations Task Groups and Special Operations Air Task Groups
- 210 soldiers - 26 September – 6 October 2016

**EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE**
- NATO led multinational Computer Assisted and Command Post exercise
- 5 soldiers - 24 October – 3 November 2016

### Danish Air Force contributions in 2016

**EXERCISE RAMSTEIN AMBITION I + II**
- NATO Combined Joint Command Post exercise with focus on the Air Component Command level
- I: 5 soldiers - 5 – 9 December 2016
- II: 10 soldiers - 19 – 30 June 2016

**EXERCISE JOINT WARRIOR**
- UK led multinational exercise in naval warfare
- 4 soldiers - 9 – 21 April 2016

**EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE**
- NATO led multinational Computer Assisted and Command Post exercise
- 10 soldiers - 24 October – 3 November 2016

**SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BALTIC SEA**
- A minimum of 4 surveillance flights per month
- 5 soldiers per flight

**EXERCISE US BALTOPS**
- US led Partnership for Peace exercise with focus on naval warfare
- 4 soldiers - 3 – 18 June 2016