



Commander EATC

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Major General Both has been assigned as first commander of the European Air Transport Command (EATC) in Eindhoven (NLD) on 1 Sep 2010.

He joined the DEU Luftwaffe in 1972 and was trained as fighter pilot on F104G "Starfighter". Afterwards he was posted to the Fighter Bomber Wing 31 "Boelcke" in Kerpen/Nörvenich. There, he served as weapons officer and squadron operations officer. After attending the 31st General Staff Course in 1988, he was assigned to the 3rd Air Division as Senior Operations Officers and later on (1990) to the Military Policy Affairs department of the Ministry of Defence. Thereafter, he commanded the Flying Group of Fighter Bomber Wing 33 in Cochem/Büchel followed by a three years tour as spokesperson for Air Force Affairs of the Minister of Defence. From 1997 to 2000 he became Commander of the Reconnaissance Wing 51 "Immelmann". During that time he led the Combat Wing 1 in Piacenza (ITA) into operation "Allied Force" in 1999. He attended the 97th Senior Course at the NATO Defence College in Rome (ITA) and was eventually promoted to Brigadier General as commander of the Air Force Academy in Fürstenfeldbruck. From 2005 to 2009 he served to the Air Staff of the MoD as Deputy Chief of Staff for Concepts and Operations. In 2009, he was nominated Chief of Staff of the German Air Force Command in Köln, from where he deployed to the Headquarters ISAF Joint Command as Deputy Chief of Staff Air in Kabul (AFG) from November 2009 to July 2010.

As COM EATC he has been mandated by the four participating Nations (Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands) to execute operational control over almost 150 fixed wing air transport and air-to-air refuelling assets. Additionally, the EATC carries nationally defined levels of responsibility for aircrew training and exercise objectives as well as for the harmonization of appropriate air transport regulations and procedures of the four nations.

