



NATO Days in Ostrava & Czech Air Force Days are the biggest security show in Europe, held on the third weekend of September every year at Leoš Janáček Ostrava Airport in the Czech Republic since 2001.

The event's aim is to present a wide spectrum of resources and capabilities of the Czech Republic and its allies in the field of security and defence to the general public. The program is not only about aircraft dynamic displays, but static and dynamic displays of land forces, firefighters, police, customs, red cross and many more. To guarantee maximum outreach, the admission is free for all visitors - thanks to support of partners and authorities including the NATO Public Diplomacy Division.







**2006**

“It’s tremendous to see the developments in modern aviation,” told General Zdeněk Škarvada, WWII pilot-veteran of the RAF No. 310 Fighter Squadron to Red Arrows when they performed at NATO Days in 2006. “We met a hero,” said the Red Arrows pilots after talking to General Škarvada. Red Arrows were the first foreign aerobatic group participating in NATO Days.







2015  
2016  
2022

Quick Reaction Force Team (QRFT) is an all-female counterterrorism unit of the Jordanian armed forces. They came to show their skills in 2015 for the first time, and then came back in 2016 and 2022. Their participation was made possible thanks to cooperation with the Czech Embassy in Amman, serving as the NATO Contact Point Embassy at that time. Jordan is a valued member of the NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue.







**2010**

B-52H Stratofortress from the Barksdale AFB first participated in NATO Days in Ostrava in 2010. It was the first time this legendary aircraft was presented to public in Central Europe and this premiere attracted tens of thousands of visitors and huge media coverage.







**2021**

The American unmanned aerial vehicle MQ-9 Reaper was first presented at NATO Days in Ostrava in 2021 in a static display. The MQ-9 is a larger, heavier, more capable aircraft than its predecessor MQ-1 Predator and presents the edge of modern technology.







**2021**

First aircraft of the fifth generation presented at NATO Days in Ostrava was the Italian F-35 Lightning II in 2021 in static display. It was the first public presentation of this aircraft in Central Europe. Presentation of the Italian F-35 at NATO Days was followed by a Dutch F-35 in dynamic display in the following year.

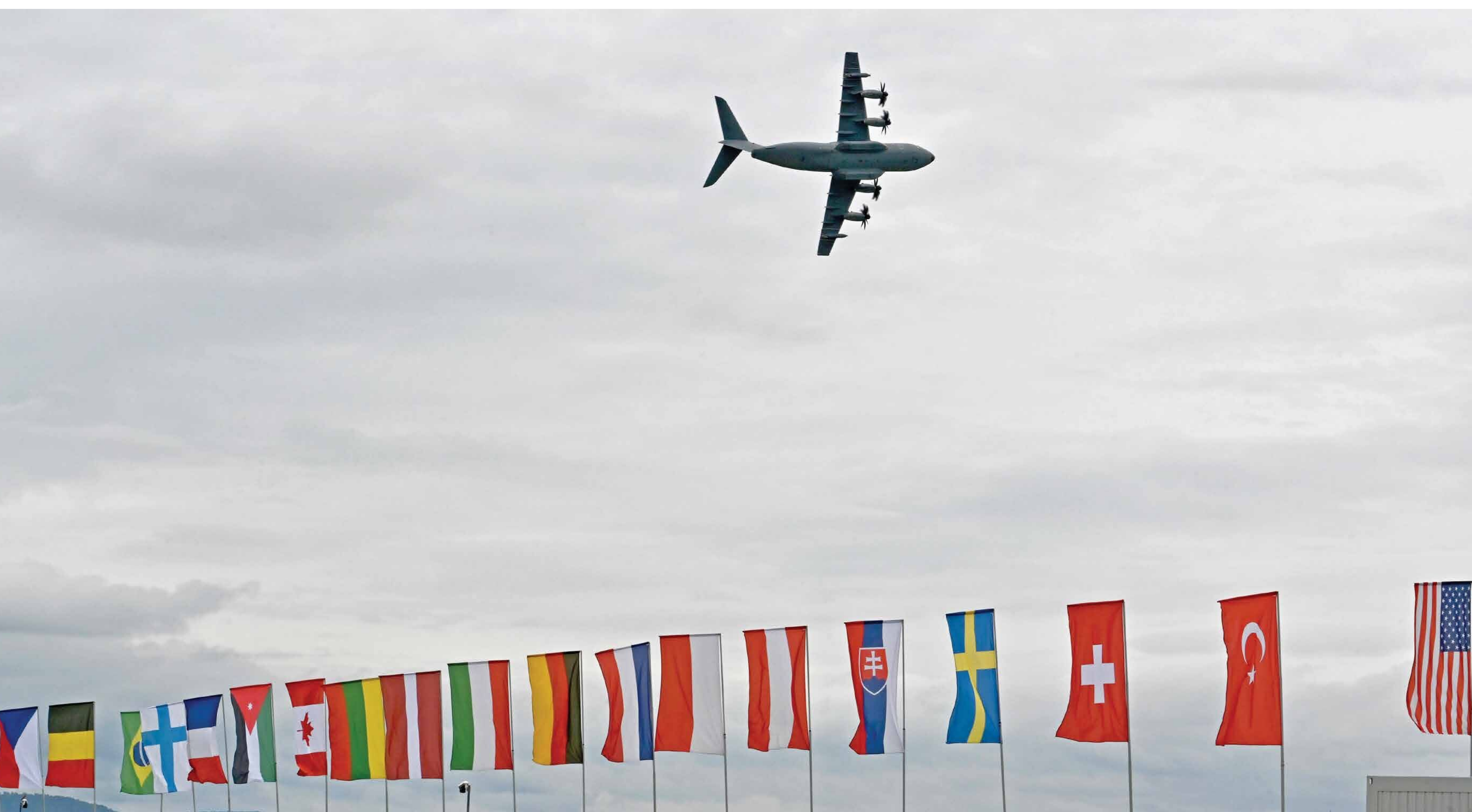






**2025**

In total, 34 countries + NATO presented their capabilities and assets during the 25 editions of the NATO Days in Ostrava. Not only NATO members, but NATO partners and other countries from Europe, Middle East and South America took part in the event as well. NATO itself was repeatedly represented by its E-3A AWACS or A-330 MRTT aircraft.







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**2023**

Last NATO Days were held in 2023 (the event was cancelled in 2024 due to severe floods in the region) and reached 2 455 000 persons. This number combines visitors on spot (185 000) live stream & videos views (1 000 000) and online reach (1 270 000). Spreading the word about NATO's role and capabilities at its best!







## 2011

Israel first took part in NATO Days in 2011 with two F-15D together with Hercules as a support aircraft. Ten years later Israelis participated in a joint parachute with the Czech paratroopers from CASA C-295.







**2023**

The most elite unit in the Polish Armed Forces, GROM, was presented in a joint dynamic display with the Czech Police in 2023 when Poland was the Special Partner Nation of the NATO Days in Ostrava. The unit was named after the Silent Unseen – Poland's elite World War II special-operations unit.







**2004**

AWACS landed in Ostrava in 2004 as the first foreign air display participant. It keeps returning and visitors love to see its iconic radar over Ostrava.







**2025**

School visits, public discussions in the local bookstore, visits in hospitals and elderly homes and other activities engaging the local citizens are an integral part of the NATO Days in Ostrava. NATO public diplomacy in regions and in action!

