

# Frisian Flag fighters fly!

## International exercise is back



After two years of absence, the international military trainings exercise Frisian Flag was back in the air over north-west Europe early spring. With a fierce grip of the covid-19 pandemic and all its accompanying uncertainties on the global society, there was less interest of all potential involved air forces to gather in large groups, resulting into cancellation of the Frisian Flag editions of 2020 and 2021. With an improving health situation the planning for a new edition in 2022 went on and despite a new critical situation with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the exercise was finally live!

From 28 March a variety of international fighter jets had gathered for two weeks at Leeuwarden Air Force Base in the Dutch province of Friesland. In fact all the participants had already arrived the week before. With an initial morning mission planned for the exercise start on Monday, it was essential for flight crews to do their team and individual planning the weekend before. Aircraft that arrived at Leeuwarden AFB to participate included Italian Eurofighters and Tornados, American

