



Rapid Reaction Corps - France

Your Operational Solution

History

Created on July 1, 2005, the headquarters of Rapid Reaction Corps-France (HQ RRC-FR) is located in the «Queen of the Citadels,» a fort designed by Vauban over 350 years ago. Reporting to the French Land Forces and Operations Command, which is also based in Lille, HQ RRC-FR places the city at the heart of European defence efforts.



Multinational expert



RRC-FR is the largest multinational, operational, and deployable headquarters within the French Army, ready for deployment in a French, EU, or NATO framework as needed. France serves as its framework nation, and it is open to support from all EU and NATO countries. Multinational cooperation is integral to the daily work of its 450 active military personnel and 200 reservists from 14 different nations, fostering open-mindedness, integration, and the exchange of best practice.

Mission

RRC-FR is capable of commanding operations ranging from low to high-intensity in an international, complex, and multi-domain environment in any theater of operations worldwide. It can deploy on short notice and may serve as a first responder to crises or conflicts.



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Operational and experienced

Since its creation, RRC-FR has adapted its structure and focus to meet the expectations of France, the EU, and NATO. In 2014, it met the challenge of commanding operations at the Joint level, completing a one-year tour as a NATO Joint Task Force. The following year RRC-FR successfully commanded the French Operation BARKHANE in the Sahel, and did so in 2019.

In 2022, it deployed to Norway for NATO exercises BRILLIANT JUMP and Ex COLD RESPONSE after qualifying as the land component command of the NATO Response Force.

RRC-FR can be reinforced by the French Army, Joint services, or France's allies to command all types of operations, regardless of duration.



Today...

In 2024, RRC-FR was certified as a Warfighting Corps (WFC), marking a return to the most demanding of operations, and demonstrating France's ambition to play a leading role in Europe's defence alongside its NATO allies. RRC-FR has incorporated new and emerging technologies to create an agile, resilient, and effective Command Post system.