

Exercises to commence in Norway: Brilliant Jump 2022 and Cold Response 2022

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On Monday, 28 February 2022, in Norway, NATO launched one of its main exercises of the year, involving naval, air and land forces from across the Alliance. Under the command of NATO's Joint Force Command Brunssum (JFCBS), the long-planned Exercise Brilliant Jump 2022 demonstrates the readiness and mobility of the NATO Response Force (NRF). This rapid deployment will also enhance the interoperability of Allies and Partners.

Approximately 2,500 troops, mainly drawn from four NATO nations (France, Italy, Poland and Spain) will participate on land. These forces will be supported by 10 warships from 8 NATO nations (Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway and The United Kingdom) with some 750 sailors operating off the coast of Norway and by air assets drawn from NATO member states.

This year, Exercise Brilliant Jump leads directly into the bi-yearly Norwegian-led exercise Cold Response 2022, which runs from 14 March to 1 April 2022. Cold Response is a defensive exercise under a NATO Article 5 scenario. The aim is to train the reinforcement of Allies under challenging climate conditions, enhancing the readiness and capabilities of the participating forces. Up to 35,000 troops from 28 nations will participate, including the NATO partner nations, Finland and Sweden.

Norway and Allies are committed to transparency and risk reduction. For that reason, Norway announced this long-planned Exercise two years in advance in accordance with the requirements of the Vienna Document. The Vienna Document obliges all host nations to notify the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) of major military Exercises. For that reason, Norway has invited all OSCE member states to send observers to Exercise Cold Response 2022.

Both exercises are strictly defensive in character; all Allies are committed to openness and transparency in full compliance with international obligations.



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Media are invited to cover both exercises and will be offered a range of capture opportunities, e.g. arrival of equipment at the port of Frederikstad, arrival of troops at Gardermoen Airport and training activities at Rena training area for BRJP 22. During CR 22, opportunities will exist in the North of Norway (Narvik, Nordkjosbotn, Harstad).

Please note – accreditation is mandatory and there is a single accreditation process for both exercises. Interested media representatives are kindly requested to use the online accreditation form hosted on the Norwegian Cold Response webpage <https://www.forsvaret.no/en/exercises-and-operations/exercises/cr22/media>

NATO’s Media Information Centre in Oslo (NMIC) and Norway’s National Media Information Centre (NORMIC) in Narvik are available as follows:

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