

**U. S. European Command
FY24 Unfunded Priorities**

NDS Priority		Issue Title	FY24 (\$K)	Description
1	Integrated Deterrence	European Communications Infrastructure (ECI)	\$ 81,243	Funds modernization of communications infrastructure to ensure resilient command and control at Main Operating Bases and Forward Operating Locations.
2	Integrated Deterrence	Air Base Air Defense (ABAD)	\$ 78,270	Funds required capabilities to defend USEUCOM air bases from air and missile threats.
			\$ 159,513	Total Unfunded Request

U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) Fiscal Year 2024 Unfunded Priorities

USEUCOM Priority 1: European Communications Infrastructure (ECI) (\$81,243K)

National Defense Strategy Linkage: Integrated Deterrence

SECDEF Priority: Defend the Nation

European Deterrence Initiative LOE: Improved Infrastructure

FY24 Shortfall (\$K)	Appropriation (APPN)	Line Item (LI)	Program Element (PE)	Sub-Activity Group (SAG)
\$48,405	3080F	07-837300	0303055F	011Z
\$32,838	3400F	1F-011Z	0303055F	011Z

Description: Funds modernization of communications infrastructure and facilities that have been neglected for over two decades. Enables the Forward Operating Locations supporting operations and European Deterrence to resiliently and reliably communicate with supporting forces and command structures. Enhances infrastructure at Main Operating Bases to provide forward forces with reachback support through resilient and survivable services. Project completion and sustainment funding is being pursued in the FY25 Budget.

- \$48,405K (3080F): Funds the ongoing effort to provide robust forward operational sites' communication infrastructure. Project improves NATO Air Command-supporting command and control (C2) infrastructure by removing single points of failure, creating more robust, resilient and fault tolerant network infrastructure. This directly ensures eastern European locations can support current and potential force deployments with enduring communications capabilities in order to support Ukraine and deter Russian aggression.
- \$32,838K (3400F): Funds leased circuits that will provide the infrastructure to deliver redundancy at the main bases as well as additional resiliency at forward operating locations. Ensures additional forces can operate without overtaxing the infrastructure and ensures intelligence capabilities are optimized to ensure decision makers have the complete situational picture in a timely manner. Provides specialized technical manpower necessary to setup and sustain networks, communications connectivity, and satellite links.

Reduces NDS Risk:

Priority #2 Deter Strategic Attacks: Reduces risk in deterring strategic attacks by increasing our ability to seamlessly integrate Joint, Alliance, and partner C2 architectures into our networks.

Priority #3 Deter Aggression: Deters aggression by developing increased C2 resiliency and undermines Russia's ability to achieve their objectives through coordinated Joint/Allied/partner action and integrated, persistent information advantage. Improves C2 infrastructure required to support and expand intelligence capabilities that provide decisive information and decision advantage to U.S., Ally, and partner leadership.

Priority #4 Building Joint Force: Addresses one of the key operational problems, C4 systems, through diverse and resilient C2 capability. This effort will help build agile, resilient, and survivable C4ISR architecture that supports the Alliance and Joint Force that can counter the Russian challenge in Europe.

Subj: USEUCOM FY24 Unfunded Priorities

Impact if not funded:

Current infrastructure is patched together tactical communications capabilities that are past their service life expectancy. It was designed to support a much smaller force and is at capacity, unable to support additional forces that would be required to ensure deterrence in support of NATO operations. Additionally, aging and non-redundant infrastructure adds risk to operational communications through accidental, environmental, or adversarial damage.

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USEUCOM Priority 2: Air Base Air Defense (ABAD) (\$78,270K)

National Defense Strategy Linkage: Integrated Deterrence

SECDEF Priority: Defend the Nation

European Deterrence Initiative LOE: Increased Presence

FY24 Shortfall (\$K)	Appropriation (APPN)	Line Item (LI)	Program Element (PE)	Sub-Activity Group (SAG)
\$66,470	3080F	04-834130	0207522F	012C
\$11,800	3400F	1G-012C	0207522F	012C

Description: Funds required capabilities to defend USEUCOM's air bases from air and missile threats with a scalable, deployable, and readily transferable system. System provides active defense and enhances passive defense of fixed and deployed assets in theater to discourage and deter future attacks. Project completion and sustainment funding is being pursued in the FY25 budget.

- \$66,470K (3080F): Funds procurement of sensors to integrate into US Air Forces Europe (USAFE) base defense awareness network. These sensors will allow USAFE to detect and identify cruise missiles, UAS, and other incoming attacks. Also procures launchers and command and control capabilities to act in defense of the air bases.
- \$11,800K (3400F): Funds operations, maintenance, and sustainment of air defense capabilities to ensure necessary availability and resiliency of the system.

Reduces NDS Risk:

Priority #2 Deter Strategic Attacks: Provides defense of air operations, ensuring USEUCOM’s air superiority capability will withstand, fight through, and recover from disruption. Cooperating with Allies and partners will enhance our collective integrated air and missile defense efforts. Such cooperation strengthens our common protection and deterrence, while providing assurances essential to the cohesion of our Alliances and partnerships in the face of regional missile threats, coercion, and attacks.

Priority #3 Deter Aggression: Improves ability to maintain/generate combat power, and supports safe movement of forces in and out of theater. Ensure air superiority capability will withstand, fight through, and recover from adversary attempts to disrupt or destroy it, introducing uncertainty and risk to the adversary’s objectives.

Impact if not funded:

USEUCOM air bases will have limited options to mitigate the strategic air and missile attack threat, needing advance warning to implement resource-limited dispersal plans, retaining significant operational risk and reduced capability and flexibility.