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USAREUR Soldiers to take part in Joint Task Force-East Proof of Principle exercise; Opening Ceremony set for August 17

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Approximately 100 United States Army, Europe (USAREUR) Soldiers have arrived in the last week at Forward Operating Site Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base (FOS MKAB), Romania, to prepare for the Joint Task Force-East (JTF-E) proof of principle (PoP) exercise.

Roughly 1,000 U.S. Soldiers and civilian employees, all normally stationed in Italy and Germany, will participate in the PoP exercise, which is scheduled to take place August 17 to October 22. The exercise will build interoperability and military relationships with our partners in the War on Terrorism and NATO members Romania and Bulgaria, and test command and control capabilities required for future Brigade-level deployments to JTF-E.

Soldiers from HQ USAREUR and the 1st Armored Division -- to include 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery, Baumholder, Germany -- as well as Soldiers from the Southern European Task Force, will be part of a joint headquarters that will also include personnel from the US Air Force, US Navy Seabees and host nation forces.

The 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Soldiers will also take part in various training events, such as Individual Small Arms and Crew-served Ranges, Squad Live Fire Exercises, Situational Training Exercises and other soldiering skills with Romanian and Bulgarian counterparts.

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Col. Peri Anest and SGM Karen Kelly, Joint Task Force-East Command and Command Sergeant Major, greet arriving members of the JTF-E headquarters advance party at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.