

PAST

- Ämari Air Base was constructed in 1945. It was initially used as a reserve airbase.
- In 1952, Ämari entered into service as an airbase of the occupying forces of the Soviet Union. Various types of military aircraft were stationed here.
- In 1994, the Soviet Army transferred the airbase to the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Estonia.
- In 1996, the Ministry of Defence took over the airbase.
- On 15 May 1997, the Ämari Air Base unit of the Estonian Defence Forces was formed.

FUTURE

By 2012, Ämari Air Base will be the most modern military airbase in the Baltic States. Once the airbase is fully complete, it will be possible to station a squadron of allied aircraft at Ämari. This will significantly improve the level of protection of Estonia's airspace, as well as the airspace of the other Baltic States.

TO BE COMPLETED IN 2012:

- Navigation system
- Crash-, Fire- and Rescue Station
- Airfield Main Entrance, perimeter fence, perimeter road of approximately 26 km
- Airfield Control and Security Center
- Ambulance
- Airfield Reception and In-Processing Facility
- Vehicle Maintenance Workshop and Garage
- Motor fuel filling station for land vehicles
- Liquid oxygen and nitrogen storage depot
- QRA aircraft hangar
- Network of airbase roads and car parks
- Dining Facility
- Dormitory



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Opening of Ämari Air Base traffic area

on September 15, 2010



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By 2012, Ämari Air Base will be the most modern and capable military airfield in the Baltic States, ready to accept the aircraft of NATO members. The September 2010 completion of the traffic area marks the end of the most extensive renovation work at Ämari Air Base.



TRAFFIC AREA CONSTRUCTION FACTS:

- Installed cables – 120 km
- Cable conduits – 150 km
- Cable conduit manholes – 800
- Levelling of green areas – 450 000 m²
- Drainage and storm water piping system – 25 km
- Demolished concrete pavement – 310 000 m², 90 000 m³
- Asphaltting work – 259 000 m²
- Filling material brought from quarries (crushed limestone) – 464 000 t



JAAK AAVIKSOO,
Minister of Defence



RENOVATION OF THE TRAFFIC AREA

The reconstruction of Ämari Air Base is the first large-scale NATO security investment in the Baltic States. Renovation of the airfield is taking place primarily through projects jointly financed by NATO.

During the course of renovation work on the traffic area, renewal and construction of a runway, apron, taxiways, lighting system, arresting systems and treatment plant took place. NATO co-financed 50% of the cost of the renovation of the traffic area.

Renovation of the traffic area began in October 2008 and was completed in August 2010.

Today, we have taken a great step forward in strengthening Estonia's defensive capability. Once renovated, Ämari Air Base will serve as an air gateway, capable of accepting assistance from our allies in the event of a crisis. The new airbase can also be used as a base by NATO air policing aircraft. Completed with joint financing from NATO, Ämari Air Base demonstrates the indivisibility of NATO's airspace.

In addition to the traffic area, construction has been completed on the following (as of September 2010): aircraft maintenance hangar, maintenance and testing apron, squadron operations building (60% co-financed by NATO), fuel facilities, access roads (70% co-financed by NATO), and a storage complex (40% co-financed by NATO).

Construction of the most capable military airbase in the Baltic States will be completed by 2012. One third of the more than EEK 1 billion cost of renovation work on Ämari Air Base is being financed by our NATO allies.