

(U//FOUO) The ECC -- NSA's Newest Cryptologic Center

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(S//REL) On 9 May, NSA established the European Cryptologic Center (ECC) from what was formerly the European Security Operations Center (ESOC). The ECC will fall organizationally under NSA/CSS [REDACTED]

Europe and Africa (NCEUR/AF). This is more than just a name change; it is furthering the commitment of the National Security Agency to a long-term mission presence in Germany. The name and accompanying organizational change reflect a recognition of the broader mission being supported from the ECC, as well as the strengthening of the analytic mission at the center.

(S//REL) In addition to the well-established SIGINT analytic and collection management missions, there is now an NSA/CSS Threat Operations Center (NTOC) and IT component to the center. ECC's enhanced analytic mission is a welcome development. The organization is a critical enterprise partner in the CT, Africa, and Middle East missions.

(S//REL) Since its beginnings in 2004 as the European Security Center (ESC), the ECC has been a success story in terms of SIGINT mission accomplishments and growth. In the last four years alone, the ECC's Analysis and Production mission set has increased from 5 to 26 distinct assigned missions, becoming the largest Analysis and Production activity in Europe. Complementing this rapid mission expansion has been an increased collaborative effort with foreign partners, with multiple IC members, and across the SIGINT Enterprise.

(S//REL) The quality and significance of ECC's SIGINT accomplishments speak for themselves. In the last month alone, ECC was a key contributor to the arrests of two key terrorist personalities, underscoring its refined collaborative environment. Overall, ECC products are included in the President's Daily Brief (PDB) on average twice a week. Further, for the second time in as many years, the ECC recently received an Honorable Mention citation in competition for the prestigious Travis Trophy award.

(S//REL) Located in Darmstadt, Germany, the ECC currently has a total of 240 personnel, a diverse mix of military service members, Department of the Army civilians, NSA civilians, and contractors. The ECC has responded to new intelligence priorities generated by the standup of AFRICOM, and has assumed new [TOPI](#) responsibilities in both the US European Command (EUCOM) and US Africa Command (AFRICOM) areas of responsibility.

(U//FOUO) Please join us in congratulating the ECC and its outstanding workforce on their accomplishments and welcoming them as NSA's newest cryptologic center.

 (U//FOUO) View of the ESOC

