

Belgian AF Days at Florennes



Every two years the Belgian Air Force takes the opportunity to present its aircraft and crews to the general public during the so called Belgian Air Force Days. This year was no exception and in the weekend of 27–28 June 2026, the doors were opened at Florennes air base in the south of the country. That this base was selected for the 2026 edition of the Air Force Days, which was also the mark stone of the 80 years air force anniversary, was no surprise as you can find here the unit that is the 1st user of the F-35A in the Belgian AF. Next to that, the base is also host of the new Belgian MQ-9B “SkyGuardians”, a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS).

F-35A Lightning II

In 2024, the Belgian air force received its first F-35's which were based at Luke air force Base, USA, for pilot training. In October 2025, the first 4 Belgian F-35's touched down at Florennes, after their delivery flight from the US with a stopover at the Azores. The 2nd Wing was honoured to become the first unit to be equipped with the F-35 while their F-16's are taken out of service or handed over to other Belgian units still flying the Fighting Falcon. In the preparational process for the transition to the F-35,



Florennes had meanwhile also received several flight sims. To give the audience at the open house a good view at the new aircraft, a wide flight display was given with 2 F-35's and included flybys with F-16's, a formation flight with an Airbus A-330 MRTT tanker aircraft from the Multinational MRTT Unit (MMU) and a close formation heritage flight together with a Spitfire.

By 2027 the deliveries of new F-35's will also start at the other Belgian fighter base, namely 10th Wing at Kleine