



# Co-operative

**CO-OPERATIVE KEY** was the last Partnership for Peace exercise to take place last year. Held in Romania in September, its aim was to promote a better understanding of NATO doctrine, of the procedures applied when carrying out peacekeeping operations, and interoperability. Here a Macedonian Air Force Mi-17 follows four Romanian Pumas to the Babadag Range.

**L**AST SEPTEMBER, Romania volunteered to host one of the most significant large-scale NATO/Partnership for Peace (PfP) live air exercises ever to be held in NATO's Southern Europe Region.

CO-OPERATIVE KEY 2000 (OK2000), was one of four 'Autumn Dream' exercises held in Romania that month, the others being CARPATHIAN EXPRESS, JOINT EFFORTS BLUE DANUBE and CO-OPERATIVE BEST EFFORTS.

During September 4-15, 14 countries – six NATO member nations (France, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Turkey and the USA) and eight partner nations (Austria, Bulgaria, Switzerland, FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Moldova, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) – took part in

the fourth CO-OPERATIVE KEY exercise, held at Mihail Kogalniceanu airbase near the Black Sea port of Constanta.

The exercise was centred around this MIG-29 fighter base and the Babadag training range, which is located some 50 miles (80km) north of the base and 31 miles (or so (50km) from the Romania-Ukraine border.

CO-OPERATIVE KEY 2000 represented a series of five air exercises planned by Allied Forces Southern Europe Headquarters (AFSOUTH) and led by Allied Air Forces Southern Europe Headquarters (AIRSOUTH), the main objective of which was to consolidate stability through dialogue and co-operation.

