

NATO's Forward Presence

NATO has enhanced its presence in the eastern part of the Alliance, with eight multinational battlegroups in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. These battlegroups are multinational, and combat-ready, demonstrating the strength of the transatlantic bond. Their presence makes clear that an attack on one Ally will be considered an attack on the whole Alliance. NATO's battlegroups form part of the biggest reinforcement of NATO's collective defence in a generation.

The table below illustrates national contributions deployed to the battlegroups. The personnel and force numbers are based on information provided by contributing nations. Numbers should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the contributing nations. Additional Allies contribute to the battlegroups with forces on a notice-to-move, but not deployed.



| Battlegroup In Kabile, Bulgaria | |
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| Contributors | |
| Italy (Framework nation) | |
| Bulgaria | |
| Greece | |
| United States | |
| Total troop number: 945 | |



| Battlegroup In Tapa, Estonia | |
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| Contributors | |
| United Kingdom (Framework nation) | |
| Denmark | |
| France | |
| Iceland | |
| Total troop number: 1373 | |



| Battlegroup In Tata, Hungary | |
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| Contributors | |
| Hungary (Framework nation) | |
| Italy | |
| Croatia | |
| United States | |
| Total troop number: 1054 | |



| Battlegroup In Ādaži, Latvia | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Contributors | |
| Canada (Framework nation) | |
| Albania | |
| Czech Republic | |
| Iceland | |
| Italy | |
| Montenegro | |
| North Macedonia | |
| Poland | |
| Slovakia | |
| Slovenia | |
| Spain | |
| Total troop number: 1840 | |



Battlegroup In Rukla, Lithuania

Contributors

Germany (Framework nation)
 Belgium
 Czech Republic
 Luxembourg
 Netherlands
 Norway

Total troop number: 1805



Battlegroup In Orzysz, Poland

Contributors

United States (Framework nation)
 Croatia
 Romania
 United Kingdom

Total troop number: 1033



Battlegroup In Cincu, Romania

Contributors

France (Framework nation)
 Netherlands

Total troop number: 574

Approximate total troop number including additional forces¹ in Romania from Poland, Portugal and the United States: 1126



Battlegroup In Lest, Slovakia

Contributors

Czech Republic (Framework nation)
 Germany
 Slovakia
 Slovenia

Total troop number: 1056

Total troop number for all eight battlegroups: 10,232

¹ These forces are under the command of NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe and operate in Romania, but are not integrated into the NATO battlegroup.

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