

NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence

NATO is enhancing its forward presence in the eastern part of the Alliance, with four multinational battlegroups in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, on a rotational basis. These battlegroups, led by the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and the United States respectively, will be robust, 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. These forces form part of the biggest reinforcement of NATO's collective defence in a generation, which also includes an enhanced presence in the Black Sea region.

The table below illustrates national contributions to the four battlegroups. The personnel and forces numbers are based on information provided directly from the individual contributing nations and may include forces deployed in a support role for enhanced forward presence. They should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the individual contributing nations.



Battlegroup led by the United Kingdom, operating with Estonian forces in Tapa, Estonia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United Kingdom	800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x armoured infantry Battalion in armoured fighting vehicles, complemented with main battle tanks and self-propelled artillery Mobility engineers, ISR (incl. Tactical UAV) and support elements
France	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x armoured infantry Company in armoured fighting vehicles Embedded elements of cavalry, engineers, artillery and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1100		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Adazi, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x mechanised infantry Battalion in armoured fighting vehicles Reconnaissance Platoon and Support elements
Albania	18	Mobility (EOD) engineers
Italy	160	1 x mechanised infantry Company in armoured fighting vehicles
Poland	160	1 x Tank Company and support elements
Slovenia	50	1 x Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Platoon and support elements
Spain	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x mechanised infantry Company in armoured fighting vehicles Mobility engineers and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1138		



**Battlegroup led by Germany,
operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania**

Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x armoured infantry Battalion in armoured fighting vehicles complemented with main battle tanks and self-propelled artillery • Mobility engineers, ISR (incl. Tactical UAV) and support elements
Belgium	100	Support elements
Luxembourg	22	Integrated into the Belgium Support elements
Netherlands	250-270	1 x armoured infantry Company in armoured fighting vehicles
Norway	200	1 x Combined arms Company - armoured
Approximate total troop number:1022		



**Battlegroup led by the United States,
operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland**

Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x mechanised infantry Battalion in armoured fighting vehicles complemented with towed artillery • Support elements
Romania	120	1 x Ground-based Air Defence Battery and support elements
United Kingdom	150	1 x Reconnaissance Squadron and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1270		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups (As of 9 May 2017): 4530

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