

NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence

NATO has enhanced its presence in the eastern part of the Alliance, with four multinational battlegroups in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. These battlegroups, led by the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and the United States respectively, 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 to the four battlegroups. The personnel and force numbers are based on information provided by contributing nations and may include forces deployed in a support role. Numbers should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the 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 with armoured fighting vehicles, complemented with main battle tanks and self-propelled artillery • Mobility engineers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (incl. tactical UAVs) and support elements
Denmark	5	Staff officers for Battle Group, Brigade and the British Command Element
France	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles • cavalry, engineers, artillery and support elements
Iceland	1	1 Coast guard officer for strategic communications
Approximate total troop number: 1106		



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 with armoured fighting vehicles • Reconnaissance platoon and support elements
Albania	18	Mobility (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) engineers
Italy	160	1 x Mountain troop company/mechanised infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles, Joint Terminal Air Controllers and sniper teams, mortar and anti-tank unit
Poland	160	1 x Tank Company, national contribution to HQ, military police element, support elements
Slovakia	2	HQ staff officers
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 with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • Mobility engineers and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1140		



**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 with armoured fighting vehicles complemented with main battle tanks and self-propelled artillery • Mobility engineers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (incl. tactical UAVs) and support elements
Belgium	60	Support elements
Croatia	178	1 x Mechanized infantry company (15x PATRIA armoured vehicles , 1 x M-ATV mine resistant vehicles)
Iceland	1	1 Coast guard officer for Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Luxembourg	22	Integrated into the Belgium Support elements
Netherlands	250-270	1 x armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Norway	200	1 x Combined arms company - armoured
Approximate total troop number: 1181		



**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 Infantry Squadron with Stryker fighting vehicles complemented with towed artillery • Support elements (forward support company and Military Police platoon)
Croatia	71	Self-propelled rocket launcher battery (4 x SPRL 122mm "VULKAN")
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: 1335		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups (As of 7 November 2017): 4762

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