

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 Fire and anti-tank support, mobility engineers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and logistics support elements
Denmark	200	Infantry company with national support element and staff officers for battlegroup, brigade and UK command element
Iceland	1	1 Coast guard officer for strategic communications
Approximate total troop number: 1001		



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 Support elements
Albania	18	Mobility (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) engineers
Italy	160	1 x Mechanised infantry company/ Mountain troop company with armoured fighting vehicles, Joint Terminal Air Controllers and sniper teams, mortar and anti-tank unit
Poland	169	1 x Tank Company, national contribution to battlegroup HQ, support elements
Slovakia	2	HQ staff officers
Slovenia	49	1 x Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear platoon, military police team, tactical air control party (TACP) team and national contribution to battlegroup HQ
Spain	322	<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: 1170		



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

Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	699	1 x mechanised infantry company, combat service, support elements
Croatia	187	1 x Mechanized infantry company (15x PATRIA armoured vehicles , 1 x M-ATV mine resistant vehicles)
France	266	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles • Embedded elements of cavalry, mountain troops, artillery and support elements
Netherlands	224	1 x armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Norway	28	Reconnaissance task unit
Approximate total troop number: 1404		



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

Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	795	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Stryker Squadron with towed artillery • Support elements (forward support company and Military Police platoon)
Croatia	72	Self-propelled rocket launcher battery (4 x SPRL 122mm "VULKAN")
Romania	120	1 x Ground-based air defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	130	Light Reconnaissance squadron and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1117		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups (As of 1 February 2018): 4692

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