

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 battalion with main battle tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • Supported by self-propelled artillery and air defence assets, engineers, an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance group and logistic support elements
France	330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Mechanized infantry company (3 mechanized platoon (VBCI), 1 heavy armoured platoon (LECLERC), 1 engineer platoon, 1 artillery element) • National support element • Logistics elements (movement, maintenance, medical) ; • Signal element ; • Staff officers integrated in battlegroup in Tapa and eFP HQ in Tallinn.
Denmark	3	Support to brigade headquarters
Iceland	1	1 x Strategic communications civilian
Approximate total troop number: 1134		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Adazi, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry battalion with armoured fighting vehicles • Combat support company • Support elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Albania	21	Mobility explosive ordnance disposal engineers
Czech Republic	55	1 x Mortar platoon and support element
Italy	166	1 x Mechanised infantry company/ Mountain troop company with armoured fighting vehicles, Joint Terminal Air Controllers and sniper teams, mortar and anti-tank unit
Montenegro	10	1 x Combat engineer squadron, contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Poland	Up to 200	1 x Tank Company, national contribution to battlegroup HQ, support elements
Slovakia	Up to 152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanised infantry company • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters • Support elements

Slovenia	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Engineer platoon • 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Spain	350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry company with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • Mobility engineers and support elements • Logistic elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Approximate total troop number: 1512		



Battlegroup led by Germany, operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	560	1 x Armoured infantry company, combat service, combat service support
Belgium	262	1 x Armoured infantry company with national support element and staff officers for battlegroup headquarters
Czech Republic	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Electronic warfare element • Support elements
Iceland	1	Public Affairs Civilian
Netherlands	270	1 x Mechanised infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Norway	120	1 x Armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Approximate total troop number: 1248		



Battlegroup led by the United States, operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	857	1 x Armoured cavalry squadron with combat service and support enablers
Croatia	80	Self-propelled rocket launcher battery (4 x SPRL 122mm "VULKAN")
Romania	120	1 x Ground-based air defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	140	Light Reconnaissance squadron equipped with Jackal
Approximate total troop number: 1197		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups: 5091

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