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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

Contributors

Italy (Framework nation)

Bulgaria

Greece

United States

Total troop number: 945



Battlegroup In Tapa, Estonia

Contributors

United Kingdom (Framework nation)

Denmark

France

Iceland

Total troop number: 1373



Battlegroup In Tata, Hungary

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

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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.