

European Defence

Contemporary Politics 2022

Proposing Solutions for European Issues



“The military capabilities we have do not match the ones we need for the threats we face. We need to spend together, more and better”

Josep Borrell

THE SUMMARY OF OUR PRESENTATION

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Current EU situation



CSDP
(Common Defence and Security Policy)

- There is still a tendency to pursue an independent line on issues related to their core interests, and disagreements are expressed within the EU's joint countermeasures on key issues.

Current EU situation



PESCO

(Permanent Structured Cooperation)

- PESCO is meaningful in that it is the beginning of the EU's independent security and defense system, but NATO still plays a central role in European security, and cooperation through PESCO is limited to defense, counterterrorism, and border movement. In the future, the relationship with NATO, the financial burden of EU member states, and the expansion of cooperative measures are expected to be variables in the development of the PESCO system.

Current EU situation

Unbalance of military forces

- strongest military forces in EU: FR, (GB), GER, ITA, SP

Huge expenditure

- estimated 24.6 Billion € wasted every year

NATO AND EU DEFENCE

- As of today, NATO has 28 countries (with Turkey) in Europe
- EU's Mutual Defence Clause (42.7) in force since 2009, 60 years after NATO was created
- Article 42.7 (EU) and NATO have been triggered only once each.

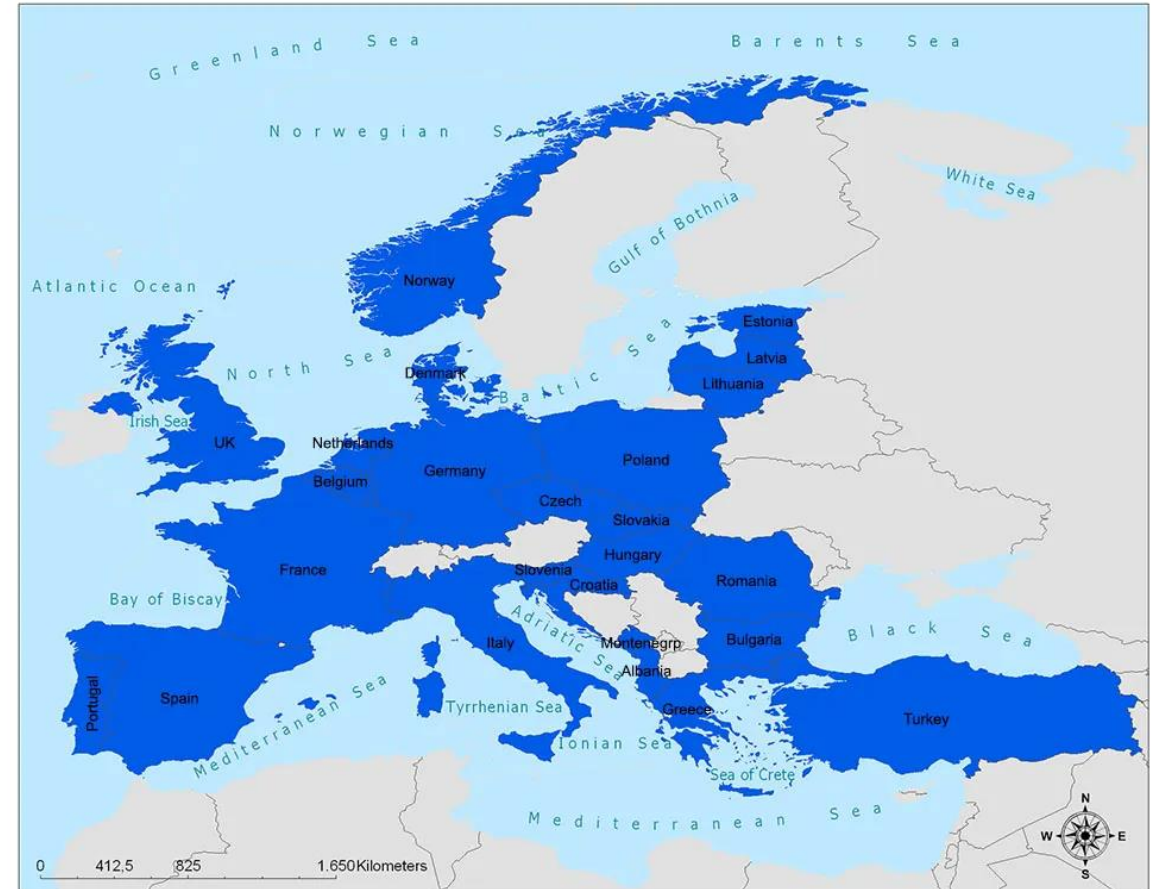
NATO MEMBERS IN EUROPE



NATO AND EU DEFENCE

- But as NATO, the assistance provided by 42.7 is still up to political leadership in each country
- But everybody in Europe sees the 42.7 politically weaker than NATO
--> NATO for territorial defense and EU only for crisis management
- Ukraine crisis has accentuated the domination of Nato over EU defense (with SW and FL wanted to join NATO while their in 42.7)
-->The USA has more power.

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WEAKNESSES OF THE EU DEFENCE

- USA and NATO is still way stronger than 42.7
- Cost a lot of money for poor results
- Powerful countries such as Germany or France doesn't seem to take the lead in the EU defense --> Lack of trust from the "smaller" countries.

Proposal: Joint EU Army Forces



EU Army Force

- Only Goal: **Defending** and **Protecting** the European Union
- No attacks and no interference in civil wars outside of Europe
- An EU parliament vote of 2016 resulted in:
 - 75% in favor of a joint EU Defense
 - 55% in favor of creating a EU Army
- Old idea of common EU defense

EU Army Structure

Geographical positioning:

- All memberstates of the EU and Eurozone are integrated
- Military bases can be established anywhere within EU borders

Financing of the Army

- Percentage-wise split of the EU budget
- Percentage based on the defense spendings of states
- Yearly calculated

Costs

- Nowadays EU countries spend 200 Billion Euro – more than the USA and China
- General EU Budget in comparison: 160 Billion Euro (2020)



Effects of an EU Army

Benefits - Economical

- More effective spending – compared to China and USA
 - 1999 – 2021 EU combined defence spending increased only by 20% - against 66% for the US, 292% for Russia and 592% for China
- Huge budget for Military
- R&T investments would be more efficient

Benefits Political

- Response on Russian aggressiveness
- Balance of power worldwide
- Border security increases as well as territorial defence
- Loss of national power on defence
- Cooperation could loosen tensions within Europe

Technological innovation and efficiency



- A shared technological know-how



- A united and more effective defense



EU independence and hard power

- Breaking free from NATO and the United States
- Influence on the international scene as a strong unit





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