

NATO, EU and security in Europe

Russia's conflict with Ukraine and turbulence in the Middle East have reawakened concern about Europe's security, fuelling a debate about its defence capabilities, the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and its relations with the European Union.

NATO and the EU, sharing values, strategic interests, and a majority of members, cooperate on issues of common interest and work together in crisis management. The principles of the cooperation were set out in the December 2002 [NATO-EU Declaration](#) and the [Berlin plus agreements](#), which allow the EU to use some of NATO's military assets in its peacekeeping operations.

This note highlights a **selection of recent studies and reports** by some of the major international think tanks and research institutes on EU-NATO relations and, more generally on the role of NATO.

[The politics of 2 percent: NATO and the security vacuum in Europe](#) Carnegie Europe, September 2015

[Prospects for security on the European continent](#) College of Europe, August 2015

[New threats, new EU and NATO responses](#) Clingendael, July 2015

[Still a "strategic" EU-NATO partnership? Bridging governance challenges through practical cooperation](#) Polish Institute of International Relations, Norwegian Institute of International Relations, June 2015

[European defense planning and the Ukraine crisis: Two contrasting views](#) Institut français des relations internationales, June 2015

[Permanent Structured Cooperation: The sleeping beauty of European defence](#) Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la Sécurité, May 2015

[Putin has brought the EU and NATO together](#) Friends of Europe, May 2015

[More Union in European Defence](#) Centre for European Policy Studies, February 2015

[EU and NATO's role in tackling energy security and state capture risks in Europe](#) Center for the Study of Democracy, February 2015

[A weak link? Germany in the Euro-Atlantic security system](#) Ośrodek Studiów Wschodnich, January 2015

[Improving cyber security: NATO and the EU](#) International Centre for Defence Studies, September 2014

[NATO narrows military gap on its eastern flank](#) Polish Institute of International Affairs, September 2014

[NATO's two percent illusion - Germany needs to encourage greater efficiency within the alliance](#) Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, August 2014

Other related publications:

[NATO's gathering storm](#) Center for Strategic and International Studies, October 2015

[Sweden's evolving relationship with NATO and its consequences for the Baltic Sea region](#)
Center for Strategic and International Studies, October 2015

[NATO's new strategy: stability generation](#) Atlantic Council, September 2015

[Preparing for the worst: Are Russian and NATO military exercises making war in Europe more likely?](#)
European Leadership Network, August 2015

[U.S. military presence in Central and Eastern Europe: consequences for NATO strategic adaptation, deterrence and allied solidarity](#) Polish Institute of International Relations, August 2015

[Avoiding war in Europe: How to reduce the risk of a military encounter between Russia and NATO](#)
European Leadership Network, August 2015

[NATO publics blame Russia for Ukrainian crisis, but reluctant to provide military aid](#)
Pew Research Center, June 2015

[The United States and the future of Mediterranean security: reflections from GMF's Mediterranean Strategy Group](#) German Marshall Fund of the United States, April 2015

[NATO's hybrid flanks: Handling unconventional warfare in the South and the East](#)
NATO Defence College, April 2015

[NATO's African Quartet: Forging a new strategic partnership](#)
International Relations and Security Network, March 2015

[Georgia: Buffer or NATO ally?](#) Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, March 2015

[Nothing new in hybrid warfare: the Estonian experience and recommendations for NATO](#)
German Marshall Fund of the United States, February 2015

[Italian interests and NATO: from missions to trenches?](#) Istituto Affari Internazionali, December 2014

[After the Wales Summit: an assessment of NATO's strategic agenda](#)
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, November 2014

[NATO's posture after the Wales Summit](#)
[Flexible frameworks, beyond borders. Understanding regional dynamics to enhance cooperative security](#)
Istituto Affari Internazionali, November 2014

[Cardiff: birthplace of a new Transatlantic narrative?](#) Egmont, July 2014

[NATO: charting the way forward](#) Chatham House, July 2014

[Why defense matters: a new narrative for NATO](#) Carnegie Europe, June 2014

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