



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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NATO MULTINATIONAL BRIGADE IN LATVIA

PURPOSE OF NATO:

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) purpose is to guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means in order to strengthen the democratic values and solve conflicts in a peaceful manner.

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- In 2016, the NATO summit in Warsaw confirmed an agreement on the presence of Allied forces in Poland and the Baltic states by establishment of the NATO Multinational Battle Group.
- The aim of the establishment and deployment of the NATO Multinational Brigade is to demonstrate NATO's solidarity and determination to defend its Allies against any form of aggression, to facilitate NATO's deterrence and to strengthen the defences of the Alliance.
- On 19 June 2017, an official ceremony took place in the Camp Ādaži, welcoming the initial NATO Multinational Battle Group Latvia.
- 2024 marked the launch of the NATO Multinational Battle Group's upgrade to brigade level and the establishment of the new NATO Multinational Brigade in Latvia, which will consist of more than 3,500 troops.
- The brigade is expected to reach full combat readiness by 2026.
- In 2024 the NATO Multinational Brigade in Latvia consists of 12 countries: Albania, Czech Republic, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Canada – the battle group's leading country in Latvia.



STRENGTHENING LATVIA'S DEFENCE

- 2024 marks seven years during which the NATO Multinational Brigade's member states and their soldiers have facilitated and strengthened the security of the Latvian people.
- On a daily basis, soldiers of the NATO Multinational Brigade participate in joint military exercises together with the National Armed Forces of Latvia, therefore improving interoperability with Allies in order to meet the challenges of the security environment.



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