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**Summary:** Nine months ago, in the wake of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Olaf Scholz declared a Zeitenwende — a turning point — for Germany's military and its place in the world. But since then, barely any of the €100bn in extra funding the German chancellor pledged has made its way to the armed forces. The parliamentary body set up in the spring to allocate money to modernization and reform programs has met once. The defense ministry had no procurement proposals to submit to it. Its next sitting will not be until February. Far from rising, the 2023 defense budget, opposition leader Friedrich Merz noted, was set to shrink by €300mn based on current government plans. The lack of German action was "[giving] rise to considerable distrust" at NATO and in allied capitals, he claimed.

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