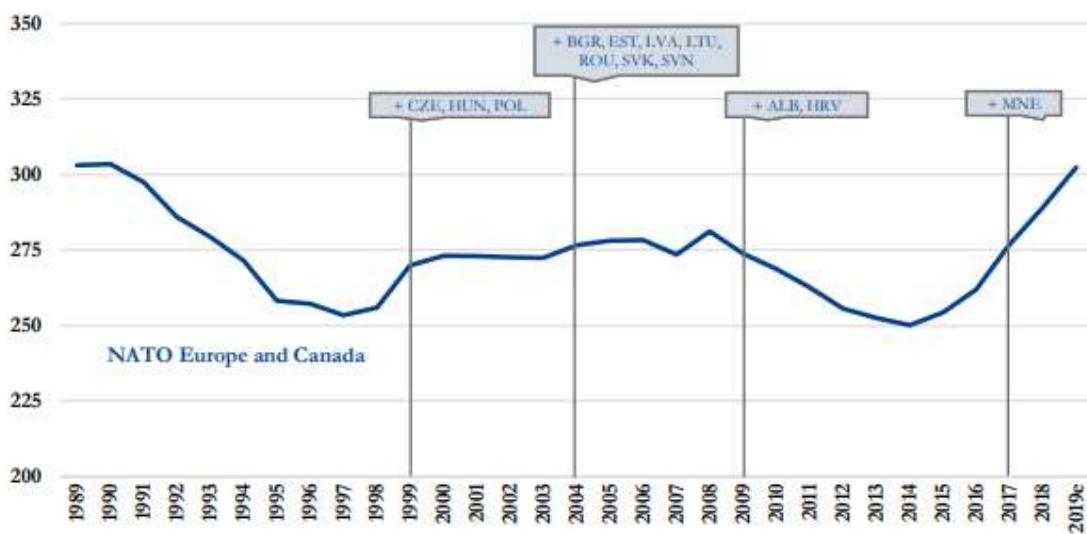


SUDDEN MILITARIZATION OF NATO

Statistics show that NATO is being suddenly militarized. NATO has increased its budget and arsenal, we can see a sudden rise in the expenditure of NATO countries in the militaries in 2019. For most countries there is a big difference from 2018.

Graph 6 : NATO Europe and Canada - defence expenditure
(billion US dollars, based on 2015 prices and exchange rates)



Notes: Figures for 2019 are estimates. Includes enlargements which took place in: 1999 (3 Allies), 2004 (7 Allies), 2009 (2 Allies) and 2017 (1 Ally).

NATO Europe and Canada- defense expenditure.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019e
Current prices							
Albania (Leks)	19,022	18,788	16,671	16,250	17,199	18,995	21,702
Belgium (Euros)	3,964	3,913	3,789	3,848	3,932	4,101	4,303
Bulgaria (Leva)	1,196	1,102	1,116	1,186	1,255	1,593	3,716
Canada (Canadian dollars)	18,764	20,076	23,900	23,474	30,761	29,025	29,600
Croatia (Kunas)	4,848	6,113	6,057	5,696	6,120	6,068	6,683
Czech Republic (Koruny)	42,035	41,903	47,264	45,598	52,805	59,752	66,737
Denmark (Kroner)	23,682	22,769	22,633	24,190	24,961	28,787	30,389
Estonia (Euros)	361	386	418	450	479	514	586
France (Euros)	39,402	39,149	39,199	39,950	40,852	42,748	44,361
Germany (Euros)	34,593	34,749	35,898	37,598	40,265	42,127	47,878
Greece (Euros)	3,999	3,939	4,073	4,190	4,208	4,560	4,320
Hungary (Forint)	286,341	281,402	316,338	362,798	402,793	484,031	553,383
Italy (Euros)	20,078	18,427	17,642	20,226	21,166	21,183	21,408
Latvia* (Euros)	212	221	254	364	430	613	634
Lithuania* (Euros)	267	322	425	575	724	895	968
Luxembourg (Euros)	176	190	225	213	288	301	346
Montenegro (Euros)	49	52	51	56	58	64	81
Netherlands (Euros)	7,702	7,788	7,816	8,234	8,539	9,456	10,912
Norway (Kroner)	46,057	48,660	49,529	54,022	56,664	61,349	66,127
Poland* (Zlotys)	28,467	31,874	39,940	37,082	37,558	42,824	45,118
Portugal (Euros)	2,457	2,263	2,384	2,364	2,424	2,874	3,160
Romania* (New Lei)	8,160	9,014	10,337	10,738	14,765	17,181	20,932
Slovak Republic (Euros)	729	752	889	907	935	1,098	1,666
Slovenia (Euros)	382	366	361	406	422	463	508
Spain (Euros)	9,495	9,508	10,000	9,014	10,528	11,172	11,505
Turkey (Liras)	27,466	29,727	32,522	38,203	47,323	68,300	79,356
United Kingdom (Pounds)	39,824	39,902	38,940	41,590	43,257	45,206	46,861
United States (US dollars)	680,856	653,942	641,253	656,059	642,936	672,255	730,149

Defense Expenditure of every NATO country

Not only that, it seems that NATO suddenly equips each country, even the smallest ones that are not usually regarded as military powers, for example Albania received out of the blue 3 uh 60 blackhawk helicopters with 3 more to come.



Albanian Minister of Defense Olta Xhaka and US ambassador Yuri Kim sign the reception contract of the 3 UH 60 Blackhawk helicopters

Also some weirds moves are happening one of those being the reception of the Patriot missisle system in Romania becoming the first country in the Black sea region to have one.



The Patriot surface-to-air missile system unveiled in Romania

Furthermore the conflict and the sudden rise of tensions between Greece and Turkey cannot be ignored. Both of the countries seem to militarize quickly and Greece even considers compulsory military service at the age of 18 and for one year (currently it is for 9 months). While it is known that Turkey has vastly increased its budget and arsenal and has started programs like the vision 2033 and many others.



A Turkish research vessel being escorted by navy ships in the Mediterranean.

Platon Stafa, October 3, 2020



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