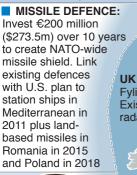
Key issues at NATO summit

Leaders of the 28 NATO states gather in Lisbon on Friday for a two-day meeting to lay out a roadmap for the future of the Western military alliance

with target date of end of 2014 for Afghanistan to take over responsibility for leading security. Withdrawal of foreign troop numbers from current peak of about 150,000 will start next July. Ten-year war has claimed lives of more than 2,215 coalition troops

approve 21st-century strategy – retain core task of collective defence while dealing with risks such as cyber security, improvised explosive devices, and missile threats. Reinforce strategic links with Russia, India, China, Japan and Australia





U.S. President Obama's Global Zero

while nuclear weapons exist NATO

will remain a nuclear-armed alliance

disarmament vision. Stress that

BUDGETS: NATO
Secretary-General Anders
Fogh Rasmussen has
argued against excessive
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European members facing national budget deficits. Plan to close four of NATO's 11 fixed headquarters. Bases in Portugal, Turkey and Italy are considered most under threat

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