

# Major NATO operations and missions

NATO has become increasingly involved in crisis management and peacekeeping operations since the 1990s, and has approximately 18,000 military personnel engaged in missions around the globe

**1 Afghanistan:** 13,000 troops engaged in ***Resolute Support*** – non-combat mission providing training and assistance to Afghan security forces

**2 Kosovo:** ***KFOR*** (***Kosovo Force***) peacekeeping troops operating since 1999. Current strength 4,500

**3 Mediterranean Sea** ***Sea Guardian*** operation tasked with maritime security and helping to deal with migrant crisis

**4 African Union (AU)**  
NATO giving airlift support to AU mission in Somalia and assisting with creation of continent-wide ***African Standby Force***

**5 Eastern Europe:** Arrival of 4,000 troops as part of ***Atlantic Resolve*** operation (below), aimed at easing concerns over Russian ambitions

**6 Norway:** 300 U.S. Marines on six-month rotation for winter training

**7 Turkey:** Patriot missiles deployed. AWACS planes supporting coalition airstrikes in Syria and Iraq

**8 Air policing:** Constant presence of fighter aircraft to protect airspace

**9 Standing maritime forces**  
Immediate-response units stationed in Atlantic and Mediterranean

**10 Integrated air and missile defence system:** NATO-wide

