

# NATO's new billion dollar headquarters

NATO is commemorating 50 years in its Brussels headquarters, even as it prepares to move into an enormous new \$1.2bn facility next door

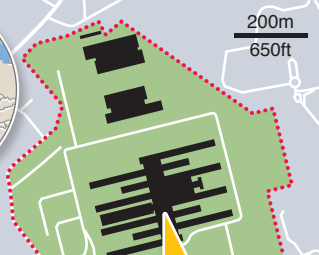


**NATO** (*North Atlantic Treaty Organisation*): Intergovernmental military alliance based on **North Atlantic Treaty**, signed April 4, 1949

■ System of collective defence where member states agree to defend one another in response to outside attack



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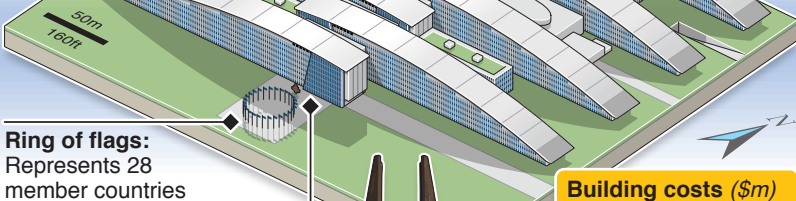
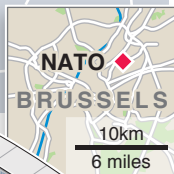
**New headquarters**

**Old headquarters:** Opened 1967. Since then NATO allies have expanded from original 15 states to 28. Building is overcrowded and requires constant costly maintenance

Léopold III Boulevard

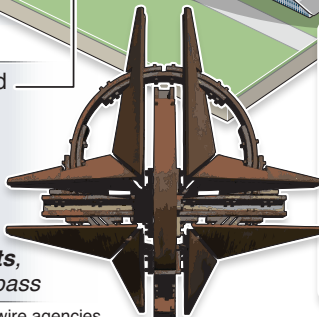
**New design:** Evokes fingers interlaced in symbolic clasp of unity

**Opens:**  
May 24-25, 2017



**Ring of flags:**  
Represents 28 member countries

**"NATO Star":** Oxidised steel sculpture stood in front of old HQ from Aug 1971 to May 2016, when it was moved to new building.  
*Designed by Belgian Raymond Huyberechts, based on stylised compass*



Building costs (\$m)	
Demolition	11
Architects	123
Construction	492
Security	18
Installations	28
Networks	67
Other costs	64
<b>Overspend</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.2bn</b>