

NATO defence spending on the rise

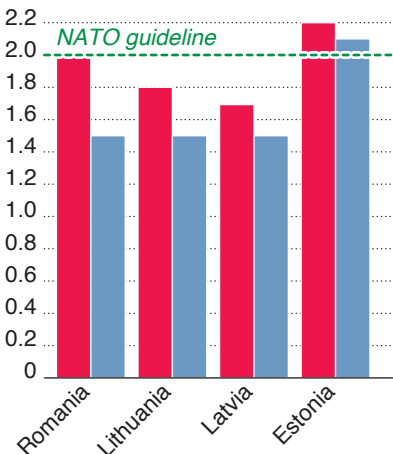
Defence expenditure among NATO's eastern European members is increasing following President Donald Trump's threat that U.S. military backing could depend on those nations paying their way

DEFENCE SPENDING GAINS

Military spending (% of GDP)

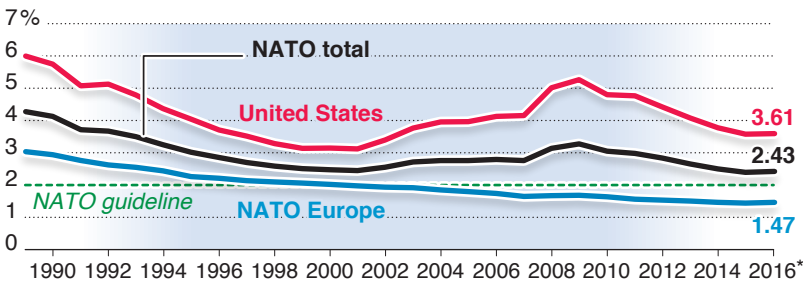
■ 2017

■ 2016



Escalating tensions between Russia and NATO also helping to push up spending on security by some of Russia's nearest neighbours

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE AS SHARE OF GDP (based on 2010 exchange rate)



Sources: NATO, wire agencies

*Estimate

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