

# Europe expands armoured forces

After years of limited investment in land warfare capabilities, European governments are upgrading and augmenting their armoured forces amid continuing tensions between Russia and NATO

## MAIN BATTLE TANK (MBT) PROJECTS

MBT types / Numbers

● New procurement ● Upgrades

■ NATO members\*

UK: *Challenger 2*

227

France: *Leclerc*

200

Germany  
*Leopard 2*

153

Poland

*Leopard 2*

tbc 128

\*United States, Canada and Iceland not shown

MAIN GROUND COMBAT SYSTEM (MGCS): Franco-German MBT concept

Remote weapon station

12.7mm machine gun

Rapid smoke

screen generators

Main gun: Requirement

for new 130mm weapon and ammunition to counter Russia's Armata tank

Cage armour

Modular armour

Improved protection for turret and hull

Illustration shows Leopard 2 Advanced Technology Demonstrator

Firepower: 360° periscope with improved visibility, digital fire control and battlefield management system

Active defence system

Sensors and countermeasures designed to thwart enemy projectiles

