

U.S. weighs permanent military base in Poland

The Pentagon is to report to Congress on the feasibility of permanently deploying U.S. troops on Polish soil to deter any Russian aggression. Poland has already offered at least \$2 billion to help pay for the project

"FORT TRUMP": Poland wants base to accommodate roughly 15,000 troops

★ **U.S. military presence in Poland:** More than 3,000 troops currently deployed on rotational basis

★ NATO military presence in Poland

Szczecin: Headquarters of NATO's eFP* scheme

Redzikowo: U.S. missile defence site due 2020

■ NATO member countries

■ **Russian military presence:** Critics warn that permanent U.S. base could provoke Russia into building up forces in its Kaliningrad region or in Russian-allied Belarus



*Enhanced Forward Presence – 4,600 combat-ready troops stationed in eastern Europe

► Poland also wants Patriot PAC-3 missiles from U.S. – \$4.8bn deal signed in Mar 2018