

# NATO deployments in Europe

NATO is putting forces on standby and reinforcing its eastern flank with more ships and fighter jets as tensions escalate over a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine



Crimea – occupied by Russia

Held by pro-Russian separatists

## 1 Baltic States and Poland

About 4,000 NATO troops in multinational battalions, backed by tanks, air defences and intelligence and surveillance units. NATO naval force of up to six ships currently on patrol in Baltic Sea

**2 Romania, Bulgaria:** Up to 4,000 NATO troops in Romania. France has offered to send more. U.S. also has soldiers stationed in both countries

**3 France:** In command of NATO “spearhead force” – contingent of at least 5,000 troops can be operational within 72 hours

**U.S. troops:** 74,000 – many of these can be deployed on behalf of NATO

**4 Germany:** 36,000

**5 Italy:** 12,000

**8 Spain:** 3,000

**6 UK:** 9,000

**9 Turkey:** 1,600

**7 Poland:** 4,500 (on rotation)

**10 Balkans:** Some 3,500 troops in Kosovo as part of NATO’s KFOR peacekeeping force

**11 Mediterranean:** NATO Sea Guardian mission in Eastern Med. U.S. aircraft carrier **Harry S. Truman** joining other NATO ships for naval exercises until Feb 4