

Finland set to host NATO battle group

The Nordic nation is on track to become the ninth country to host a NATO multinational battle group – battalion-sized forces tasked with defending the military alliance's eastern flank



Jun 14: Finland's Defence Minister **Antti Hakkanen** (above) says new NATO force will direct land warfare operations in northern Europe and Scandinavia

NATO command Finland

Land force presence (location and strength not revealed)

Finland responsible for guarding NATO's longest border with Russia

■ NATO members*



NATO battle groups

Troop numbers at Nov 2022

*Includes U.S., Canada and Iceland