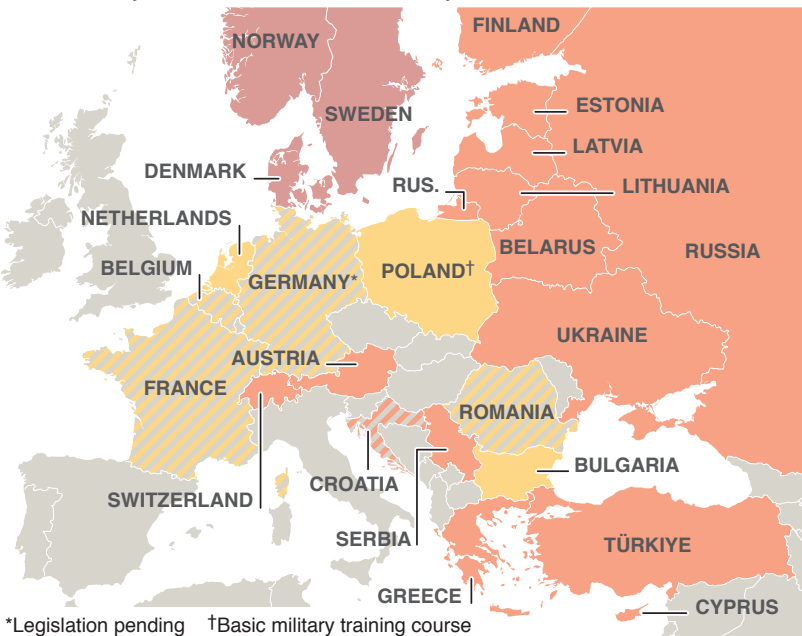


Conscription in Europe on the rise

France is introducing a new limited form of national military service, aiming to bolster its armed forces amid escalating concerns over Russia's threat to Europe beyond the war in Ukraine

CURRENT STATE OF MILITARY SERVICE IN EUROPE (as of Nov 2025)

- Compulsory for men
- Compulsory for men and women
- Voluntary service
- No military service
- Starts in 2026



FRANCE NATIONAL SERVICE

■ **10-month voluntary scheme** to begin in summer 2026, mainly for 18- and 19-year-olds, who will be paid at least €800 per month

■ **Initial target of 3,000 volunteers** in first year, with numbers rising to 50,000 by 2035

■ **Compulsory conscription** was abolished in France in 1997

