

Looking at the facts and the stats can sobering sometimes - especially when you count up the men and kit, and think about its condition, and interoperability. Having welcomed in countries from the old Warsaw Pact, NATO looks to have bought into a potential quagmire of troubles with Russian relations. Some have a strong Georgian bias whilst notoriously not having decent equipment, let alone the numbers.

Bulgaria

Armed Forces:40,747

Tanks:1,474

Warships:46

Combat aircraft:80

Czech Republic

Armed Forces:23,092

Tanks:181

Warships:0

Combat aircraft:50

Estonia

Armed Forces:4,100

Tanks:0

Warships:7

Combat aircraft:2

Hungary

Armed Forces:32,300

Tanks:238

Warships:7

Combat aircraft:2

Latvia

Armed Forces:5,696

Tanks:3

Warships:12

Combat aircraft:3

Lithuania

Armed Forces:13,850

Tanks: 0

Warships:10

Combat aircraft:10

Poland

Armed Forces:127,266

Tanks:946

Warships:41

Combat aircraft:103

Romania

Armed Forces:74,267

Tanks:366

Warships:35

Combat aircraft:74

Slovakia

Armed Forces:17,129

Tanks:245

Warships: 0

Combat aircraft: 0

Total

Armed Forces:338, 447

Tanks: 3453

Warships: 149

Combat aircraft: 324