Evaluating the Future of U.S. Army Posture in Europe

To build a credible deterrence, U.S. Army Europe needs the capacity to rapidly expand to 8 U.S. brigades in Europe.

FY17 budget recommendations to reach this capacity include:

**EQUIPMENT**
- 2 brigades worth of equipment (already in Europe with the 2 permanent brigades - maintain)
- 1 EAS (via ERI - maintain)
- +1 EAS (CSIS - add)
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- +4 brigades-worth of APS to support 2 armored brigades, 1 sustainment brigade, and 1 fires brigade (CSIS - add)

**FORCES**
- 2 permanent brigades (already in Europe - maintain)
- 1 rotational armored brigade (via ERI - maintain)
- +1 rotational armored brigade (CSIS - add)
- +1,000 HQ staff (CSIS - add)

*In extremis: 4-5 BCTs from the United States able to fall in on APS and EAS.*

**CAPABILITIES**
- +JRSOI
- +Intelligence, indicators and warnings
- +Communications
- +Cyber and electronic warfare

**Abbreviations**
- BCT Brigade Combat Team
- APS Army Prepositioned Stocks
- EAS European Activity Set
- ERI European Reassurance Initiative
- BTG Battalion Tactical Group (Russia) (similar to BCTs though somewhat smaller)
- JRSOI Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration