

European common army

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History of the common army



Creation of Eurocorps

Need of protection against the Soviet Union



Europe facing difficulties

21st

century

The European common army today

2009 Treaty of Libon Update of the Common Foreign and Security Policy June 2017 European Defense Fund (EDF) December 2017 Permanent structured cooperation (PESCO)



Difficulties of a common European army nowadays **The EU and the NATO** The problem of the nuclear weapon

23 out of 32 NATO Member States also in EU Member

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Nuclear Weapons in Europe

- U.S. nuclear weapons storage site
- U.S. ally with U.S. nuclear weapons storage site
- U.S. ally with its own nuclear weapons
- **A** Russian nuclear weapons storage site • Russian base for strategic nuclear forces



"Defence is a member state competence. The point is not about having an EU army but rather to work better together among the 27 armies"

Josep Borrell, the EU's top foreign policy diplomat,

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