

# **European Reassurance Initiative Fiscal Year 2017: Deep Dive**

President's FY17 Budget Request for European Reassurance Initiative

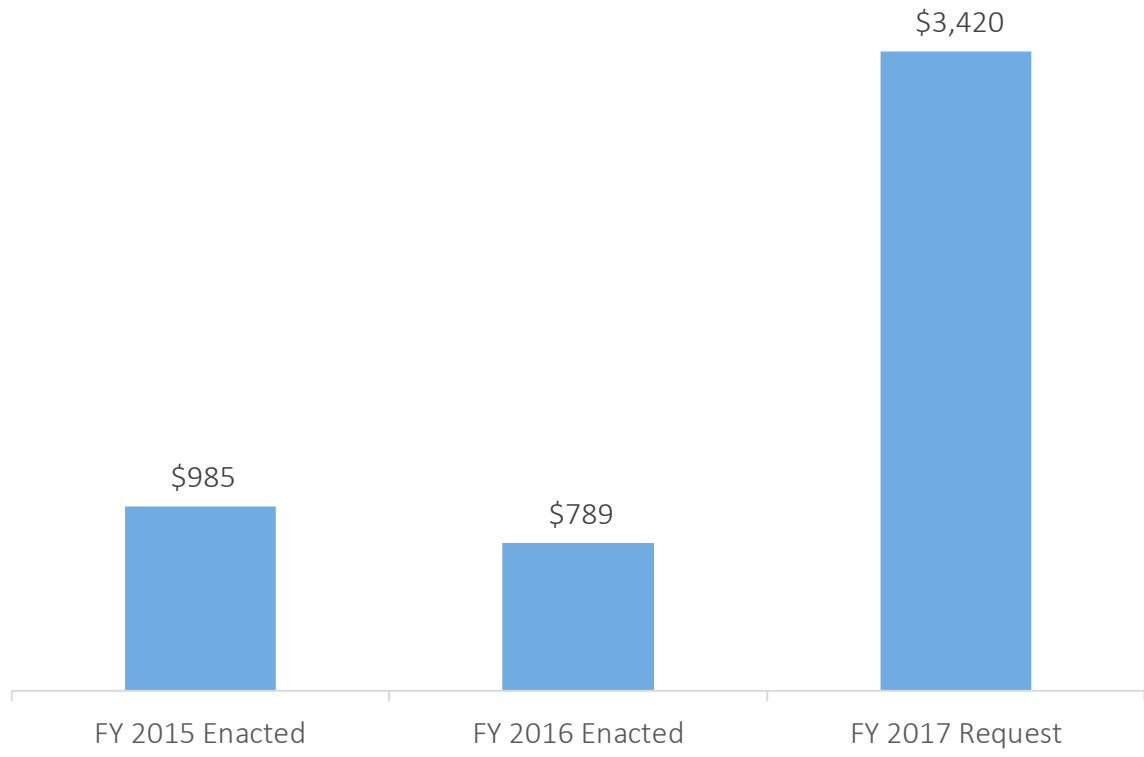
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# The President's FY17 Request for the European Reassurance Initiative (ERI) is Much Larger Than FY16

## Funding for ERI in Millions of Dollars



### Why ERI FY17 Request is Larger Than Previous Years

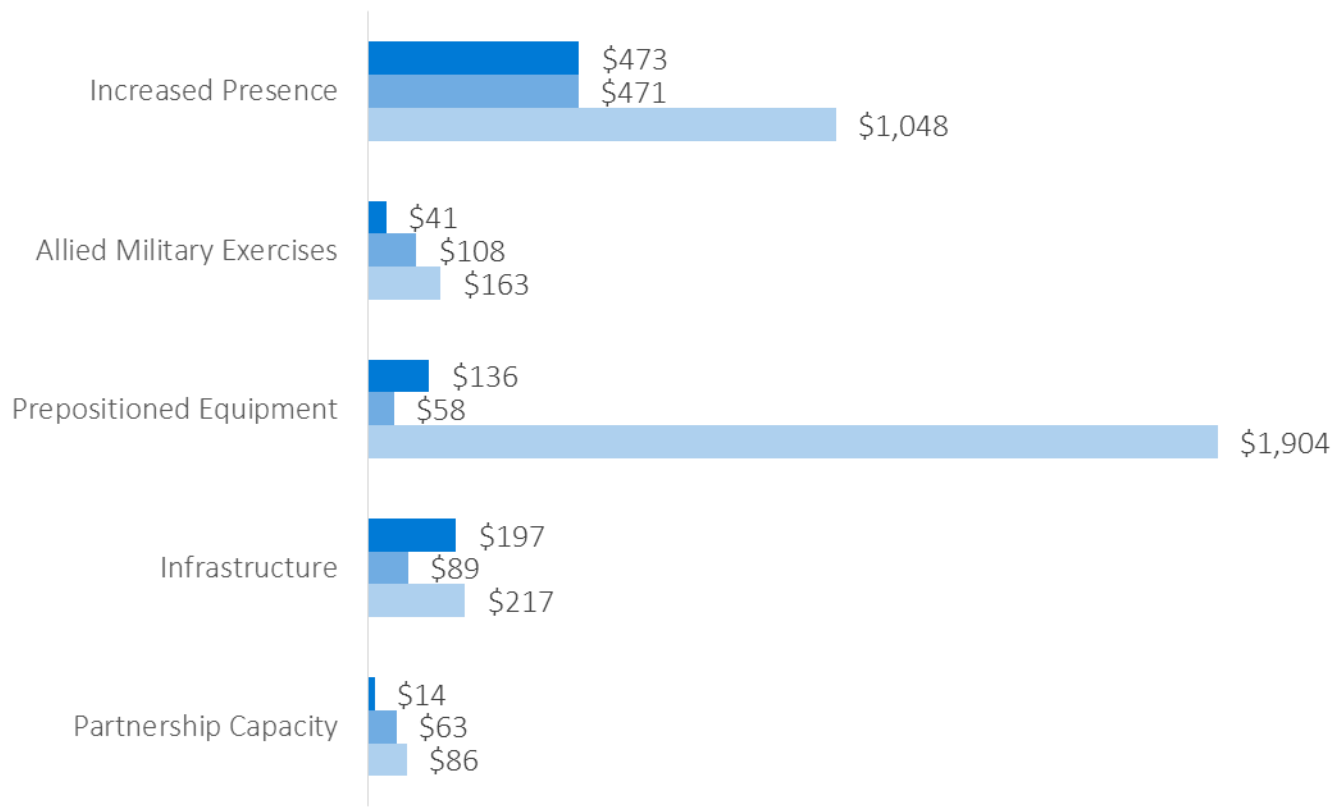
- Department of Defense (DOD) is starting to focus more attention on “conventional” threats from state actors like Russia and not just prioritizing countering violent extremist organizations (VEOs) like Al-Qaeda or ISIL
- The Obama Administration is concerned over Russian aggression, especially with its recent intervention in Syria
- Increased U.S. forward presence might spur discussion about sharing costs of European defense in NATO.
- Conversely, increased U.S. spending may be a symptom of European allies’ reluctance to spend more on defense to counter Russian aggression

Source: Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller), European Reassurance Initiative: Department of Defense Fiscal Year (FY17) 2017, February 2016; Tara Copp, “DOD Requesting 3,000-5,000 More Troops in FY 17 Budget,” Stars and Stripes, February 9, 2016.

# ERI Proposal Would Mainly Fund Increased Forward Troop and Equipment Presence

## Funding for Each Category of ERI Spending in Millions of Dollars

■ FY 2015 Enacted ■ FY 2016 Enacted ■ FY 2017 Requested

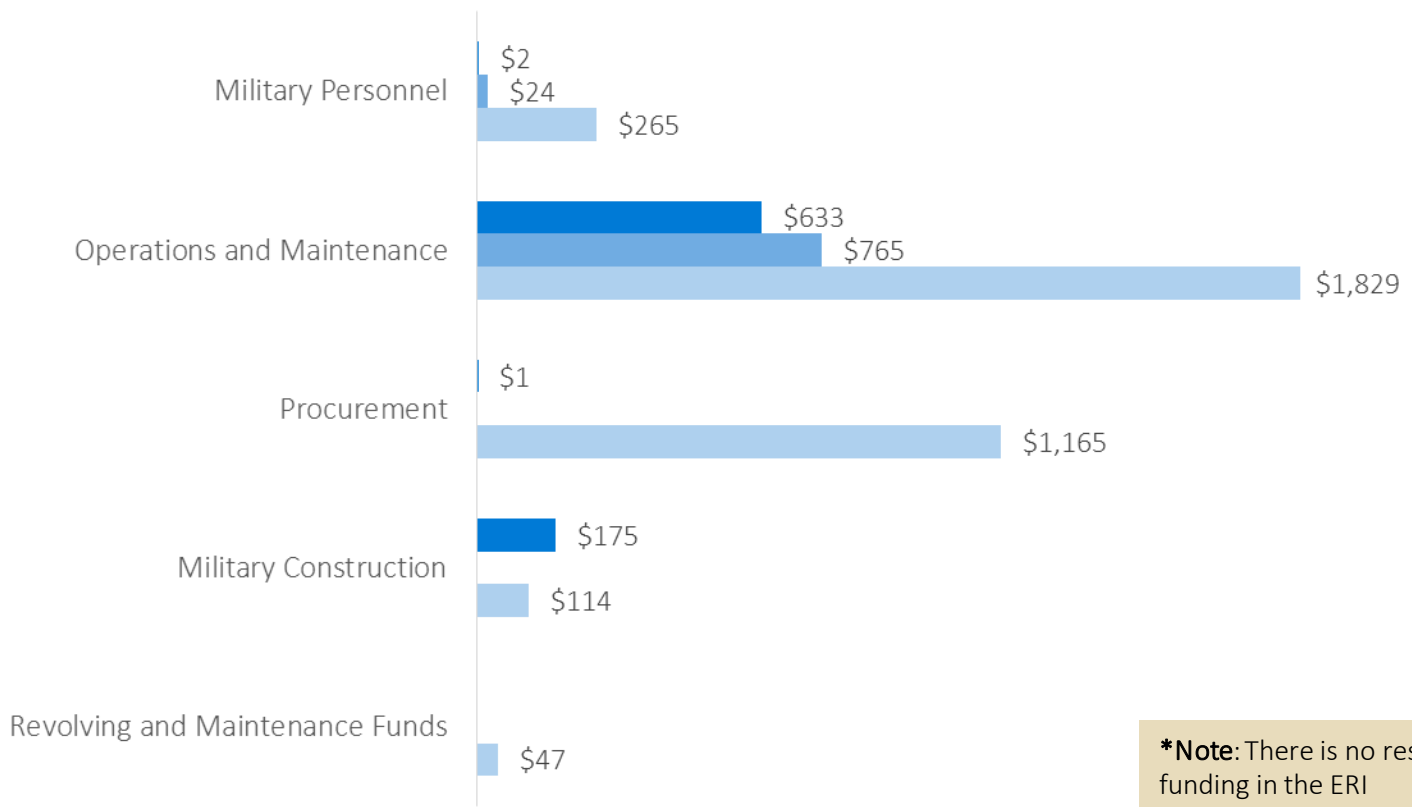


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# Increased Spending on Troops and Equipment is Reflected in Operations and Maintenance and Procurement Costs

### Funding by Appropriations Title in Millions of Dollars\*

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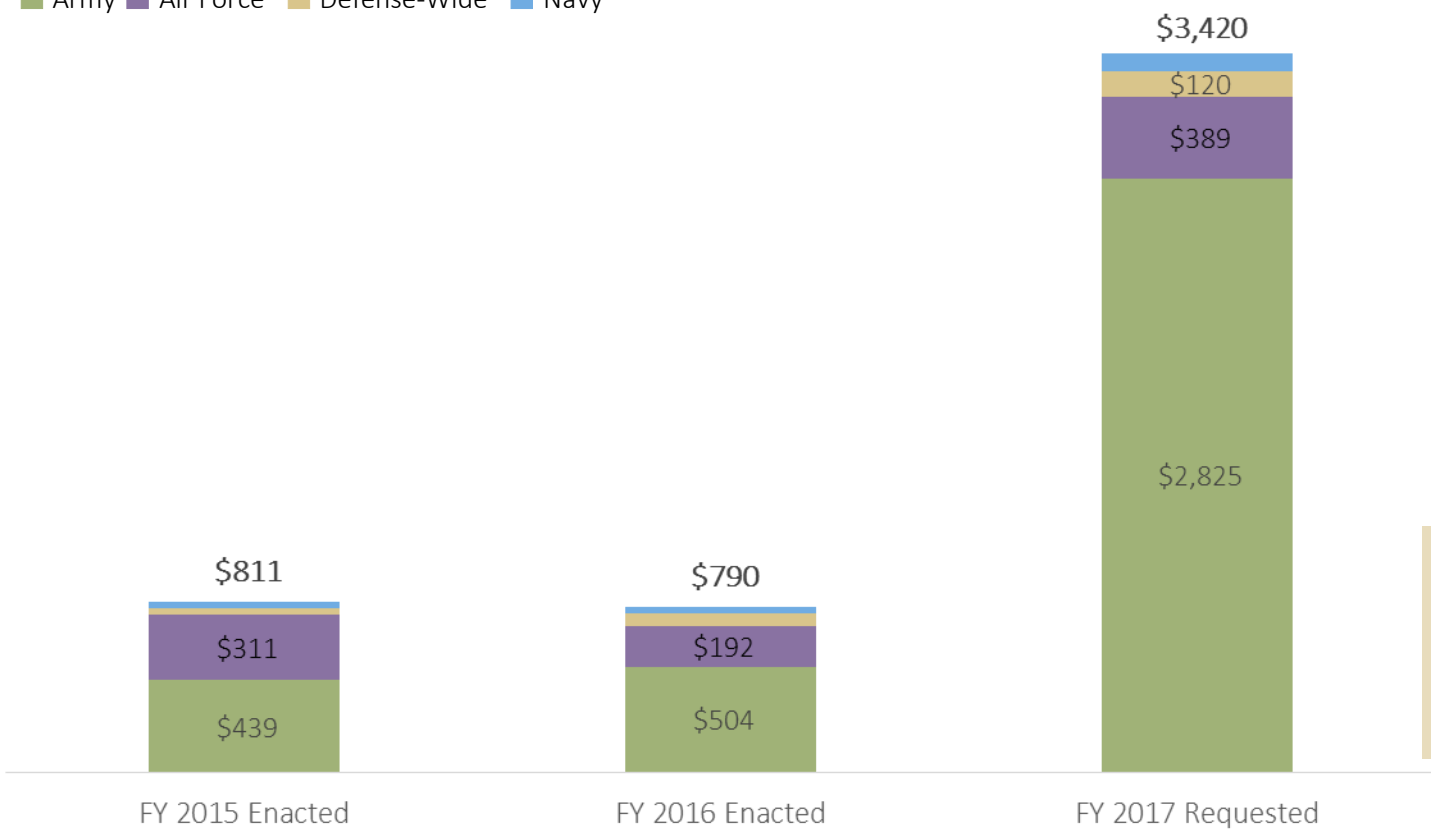
**\* Note:** There is no research and development funding in the ERI

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# The Army Would Receive the Bulk of the Spending to Support Increased Troop Levels in Europe

Funding for Services in Millions of Dollars\*

■ Army ■ Air Force ■ Defense-Wide ■ Navy



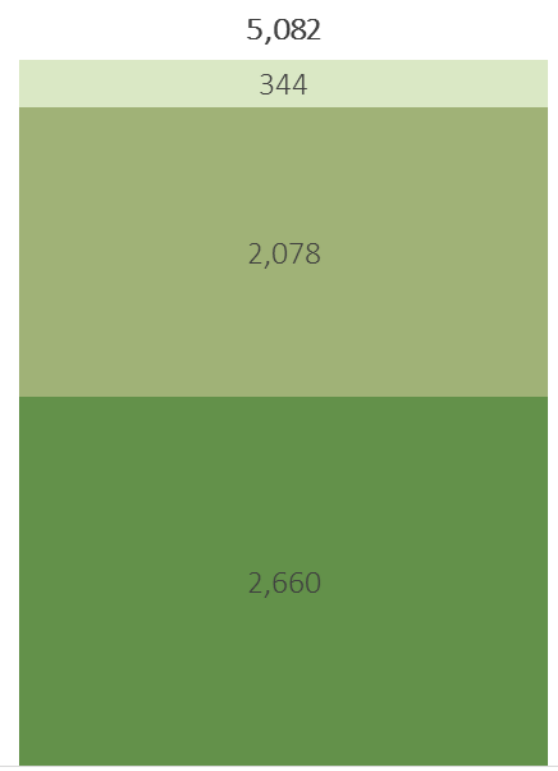
**\*Note:** All service funding under \$100 million is not labeled, but is included in the total amount

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# ERI Would Provide Enough Funding to Support the Continuous Presence of a Full Brigade Combat Team (BCT)

## Amount of Troops Under Proposed ERI Funding

Active Guard Reserve



**U.S. Troop Presence in Europe**

- ERI proposed funding would allow for another U.S. Army Brigade Combat Team (BCT) to be permanently stationed in a forward position in Europe
- A BCT is the basic maneuverable army combat unit and is about 3,000-5,000 troops
- Currently, the U.S. Army has two permanent BCTs forwardly stationed in Europe
- There are 65,000 total U.S. troops in Europe

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