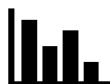


# Major topics of debate at the July 2018 NATO summit



## Defense spending levels

- Only 5 of NATO's 29 members have met or are expected to meet the proposal defense spending target of 2% of GDP: United States, Greece, Estonia, United Kingdom and Latvia



## Trump's pre-summit letters

- President Trump sent Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau a letter calling for an increase in Canada's military spending
- Trump also sent similar letters to Germany, Belgium and Norway



## Adoption of the Readiness Initiative

- Leaders are expected to adopt the "Four Thirties" plan: providing 30 mechanized battalions, 30 air squadrons and 30 combat vessels, ready for use within 30 days. The plan is set to be in place by 2020



## Counterterrorism efforts

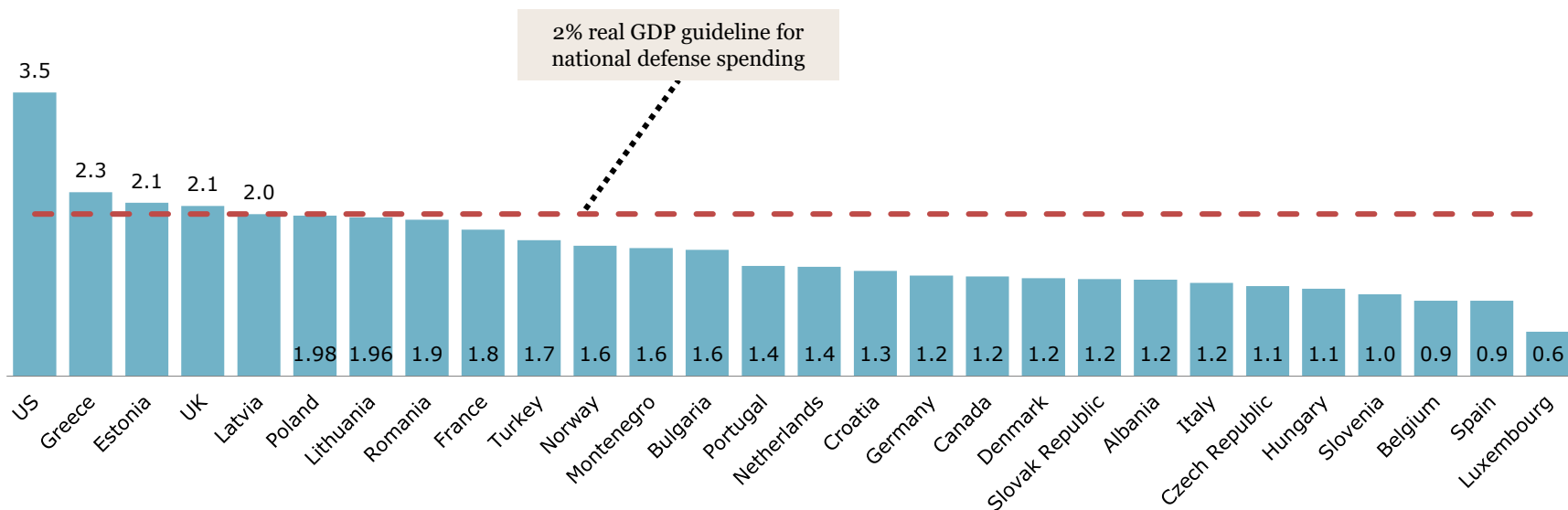
- NATO is expected to launch a new training and capacity building mission in Iraq
- Allies will discuss increasing support for key partners in the Middle East and North Africa, including Tunisia and Jordan

Sources: Steven Erlanger, "NATO Allies Prepare to Push Back at Trump (but Not Too Much)," The New York Times, July 9, 2018; Rebecca Kheel, "5 Things to Watch as Trump Heads to NATO Summit," The Hill, July 9, 2018.

# Only five countries are expected to meet NATO guidelines for defense spending in 2018

## NATO defense spending

% OF REAL GDP



Sources: "Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries," NATO, July 10, 2018