

# Arms Exports: German and European Developments and Implications

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## Equipment expenditure of selected NATO-Countries, 2009 – 2013

(in US\$ m at 2011 prices and exchange rates)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	%-change 2009-2013
France	15319	16865	15082	16286	15187	-0,8
Germany	8675	8765	7901	8129	7881	-9,1
Italy	3534	3376	3539	2469	3433	-2,8
Spain	3105	1931	938	3368	..*	..
United Kingdom	14160	16034	13833	11121	13567	-4,1
NATO-Europe:	<b>59448</b>	<b>60161</b>	<b>51790</b>	<b>50805</b>	<b>50042</b>	<b>-15,8</b>
USA	185540	190273	187775	180257	169985	-8,3
NATO Total:	<b>247946</b>	<b>253199</b>	<b>241774</b>	<b>232941</b>	<b>222738</b>	<b>-10,1</b>

\*There is no data for 2013. Considering that there are usually fluctuations with spending on procurement and that there is still a economic crisis in Spain, it is likely that the figures remain low.

Source: Own calculations on the basis of: NATO, Financial and Economic Data Relating to NATO Defence, COMMUNIQUE PR/CP(2014)028, 24.2.2014, online : [http://www.nato.int/nato\\_static/assets/pdf/pdf\\_topics/20140224\\_140224-PR2014-028-Defence-exp.pdf](http://www.nato.int/nato_static/assets/pdf/pdf_topics/20140224_140224-PR2014-028-Defence-exp.pdf)

## EU Member States' arms transfers to specific regions (in millions of euro, volume of licenses issued)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
EU	10597	9630	9000	14495	12525
Other European countries	3094	1641	1746	1837	2126
North America	3176	4640	3919	3588	3832
South America	770	2170	1626	714	2232
Middle East	4963	9638	6660	7975	9722
South Asia	1758	2072	1942	2464	2159
South East Asia	2642	2106	1940	1779	2009
North East Asia	2726	787	831	835	641
Oceania	2236	1034	1493	946	1454
Central Asia	20	20	71	517	452
North Africa	985	2033	1664	1201	982
Sub-Saharan Africa	364	570	316	494	676
Central America and the Caribbean	38	170	514	660	458
EU: Total	33499	40302	31723	37525	39862

Source: Own calculations on the basis of:

Council of the European Union, EU annual reports, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

## EU Member States' arms transfers to specific regions (per cent of total EU Member States' arms exports)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
EU	31,6	23,9	28,4	38,6	31,4
Other European countries	9,2	4,1	5,5	4,9	5,3
North America	9,5	11,5	12,4	9,6	9,6
South America	2,3	5,4	5,1	1,9	5,6
Middle East	14,8	23,9	21,0	21,3	24,4
South Asia	5,2	5,1	6,1	6,6	5,4
South East Asia	7,9	5,2	6,1	4,7	5,0
North East Asia	8,1	2,0	2,6	2,2	1,6
Oceania	6,7	2,6	4,7	2,5	3,6
Central Asia	0,1	0,0	0,2	1,4	1,1
North Africa	2,9	5,0	5,2	3,2	2,5
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,1	1,4	1,0	1,3	1,7
Central America and the Caribbean	0,1	0,4	1,6	1,8	1,1

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## Selected EU Member States' arms transfers to the Middle East and North Africa (per cent of total EU Member States' arms exports)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Austria	5,0	41,6	33,3	34,3	34,5
Belgium	28,1	38,0	16,1	36,8	40,8
Bulgaria	12,5	51,6	46,2	24,9	23,0
Czech Republic	27,8	6,6	17,7	14,5	17,2
Finland	3,8	18,7	7,0	55,3	3,0
France	35,3	33,5	35,4	23,8	33,5
Germany	7,9	20,7	13,1	21,9	40,3
Greece	0,1	6,8	9,7	11,3	10,4
Ireland	0,2	0,1	11,3	49,7	27,8
Italy	6,1	24,2	38,1	13,9	29,7
Netherlands	1,1	45,9	4,8	0,1	11,4
Romania	30,3	46,9	24,2	25,8	22,0
Slovakia	49,5	52,1	45,6	23,2	23,5
Spain	1,1	3,7	2,6	30,8	10,4
Sweden	0,8	11,6	11,3	48,8	8,0
UK	27,2	58,9	39,5	31,0	29,3

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