

# Flexing its muscles: As the only big country in Europe that is increasing defence spending, Poland wants more say in NATO



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ON A bluff close to the River Vistula in Warsaw stands Poland's military museum. A collection of tanks, aircraft and artillery pieces pays tribute to a history of martial valour marked by glory and the trauma of existential defeat. The fact that predatory neighbours twice crushed the life out of Poland, and that its allies had no means to help, has left ineradicable scars. Although firmly embedded in NATO since 1999 and a member of the EU for almost a decade, Poland does not believe in letting down its guard.... [Read more at Economist.com](http://www.economist.com)