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NATO state issues warning over ramping up defense spending

Western nations risk financial unsustainability when implementing their militarization plans, the Danish economy minister says



Danish Minister for Economic Affairs Stephanie Lose, Brussels, Belgium, December 10, 2024. © Thierry Monasse / Getty Images

EU nations risk *“increased debt levels and unsustainable finances”* if they raise defense spending too quickly, Danish Economy Minister Stephanie Lose has warned. EU and NATO members are pushing to invest billions of euros in troops and weapons.

NATO leaders agreed last month to increase the target for defense spending from 2% to 5% of GDP, with 3.5% allocated directly to the

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military and the remainder directed toward broader security initiatives. Brussels previously unveiled the €800 billion (\$940 billion) 'ReArm Europe' program.

Denmark is among 12 EU nations taking advantage of a special 'national escape clause', which allows them to bypass the EU's budget deficit rules when borrowing for military purposes. Lose told Euractiv that she does not fault countries such as France and Italy for opting out, in an interview published on Monday.

"It's good if you adhere to sound public finances... if it means that they're exploring ways to fulfill the 3.5% NATO goal without being on an unsustainable path," she said, adding that if the reluctance indicates a lack of room to boost defense spending, *"then it's, of course, a problem."*



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decline in the standard of living among their citizens.

Western Europe's industrial competitiveness has fallen since EU leaders reduced Russian energy imports, which supported the region's industries for decades. The move was part of sanctions against Russia due to the Ukraine conflict.

Russia considers the conflict to be a result of NATO expansion, saying the US-led military bloc presents a direct threat to national security.

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 **MadHatters** 7/7/2025 at 12:34 PM 0


Trump needs to put our troops out of Europe.

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 **Kenna Marie** 7/7/2025 at 12:32 PM 0


Ms. Lose was obviously happy with the US carrying the load.

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 **Werner Gevers** 7/7/2025 at 12:26 PM 0

Western nations influenced by the US and Israel are creating existential threats to keep their Military Industrial complex alive. Maybe leaders should sit back and consider what real existential threats really are, and whether such threats would exist without their constant meddling in the affairs of other countries. Example : Would Hamas even exist if Israel does not occupy and steal their land constantly ?


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 **Qamar Malik** 7/7/2025 at 12:26 PM 0




Stupidity is rife all over NATO and the countries that are a part of that scam. Why? How? Uhu!... Look NATO is a chimera, a mirage and a misconception. These are some of the strongest members of NATO: (Google):
 United States. 0.0744.
 United Kingdom. 0.1785.

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France. 0.1878.
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Except for one all are predominantly Christian countries. NATO is an alliance to destroy any country, yes, any country, a Christian country more preferable, if it is emboldened to attack any of these members. So, NATO is satanic, an anti-Christ alliance, by its own constitution ref: Article 5 (?).

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Damian Hellson 7/7/2025 at 12:16 PM

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The Great Reset after the covid began in full swing, this slavery method of world domination was accelerated, WW2 was the beginning of it ,the accomplishment will be after WW3, no matter what the awakening of humanity will come either with a hug or a slap.

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Steel Albanian 7/7/2025 at 12:15 PM

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We in the wicked West are screwde

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Bert Vogelmanns 7/7/2025 at 12:14 PM

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Then get out of NATO.

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J L 7/7/2025 at 12:10 PM

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Maybe the US wants to sacrifice Denmark so the US can annex Greenland. Trump is a thief as he stole Syrian oil he would steal from anyone including allies and his own US people.

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Jaswinder Sandhu 7/7/2025 at 12:04 PM

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This is very tight warning from the Minister Stephanie Lose! She is right in her thoughts when lonsided develonment (Here excessive expenditure of economv on defense) is intended to derail

repeated development (the excessive expenditure of economy on defense), is intended to disrupt the fine running economy of the country.


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 **Victor** 7/7/2025 at 11:55 AM

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The cracks are now starting to appear within the NATO blocs new 5% spending of GDP agreements of NATO's ramping up of membership fees agreements, with the US! Just how long before it all falls apart one wonders!


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 **Steven Johnson** 7/7/2025 at 11:55 AM

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What a load of rubbish. The Italians have found a solution to that problem of the 5% military spend. If you need to widen or build a new bridge as the current one is far too small then you carry out the necessary works and chalk it up to a military spend justifying that some day the military will use that infrastructure.


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 **DeepSea Dive** 7/7/2025 at 11:54 AM

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It's not just Danes.. It's Slovenia, as well. Consultative referendum on staying or leaving NATO is allegedly on the way.


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 **Dereje Biru** 7/7/2025 at 11:27 AM

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«In debt we believe» is the western way of life.


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 **JT13 England** 7/7/2025 at 11:14 AM

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Basically, Europe cannot afford to fight Russia. So, why don't our imbecilic leaders forget the FAKE THREAT and make friends with Russia? It looks as if our leaders would prefer to see Europe collapse and if so, why?

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 **Ana** 7/7/2025 at 11:21 AM

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They don't want to make Daddy angry or because they can't think with their heads.

They have that Kaja Kallas as a leader who looks so scared, afraid to say a word that is not written in front of her whoever wrote it.

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 **Harald** 7/7/2025 at 11:25 AM ↑

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Because then they would have to admit that they were all wrong in the first place, and that is sooo hard for our silly politicians


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 **Trouty McTroutTrout** 7/7/2025 at 11:23 AM

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The 1.5% is the part the eu is really after. This is to militarize western trading blocks and expand their colour revolutions. They'll prioritize areas to the South and East of Russia next, slowly closing the noose one impoverished country at a time.


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 **B & B** 7/7/2025 at 11:19 AM

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And the Europeans thought they would drive Russia into financial ruin and cause regime change. How about that?

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 **traffa2** 7/7/2025 at 11:14 AM

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Dissolve NATO. Kick out the US troops and close their bases permanently. Remove missiles from Russian border.

Tell Trump to stick his head up his arse.

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 **Ano ny Mouse** 7/7/2025 at 11:08 AM

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US production nowadays

Cars, foods and arms.

Cars of poor quality, food U.S. poisoned GMO and chemicals.

So US can only export arms.


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 **Baba Yaga** 7/7/2025 at 11:06 AM

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Europe is poor in natural resources, and is rapidly losing its African-supplied free ride, as Africans kick out France and other white interlopers and embrace Russia and China. These moves, which include Germany embracing Hitler's «revitalization» strategy, will tur Europe into a low-wage, museum visit destination forthe world.


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 **Michael** 7/7/2025 at 11:04 AM

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Mr. Micawber's famous quote about income and expenditure is: «Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds, nineteen and six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.» from Charles Dickens's «David Copperfield».


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 **Dave** 7/7/2025 at 11:00 AM

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Just. Say. No.
Have some autonomy and grow some balls.

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 **koaquira** 7/7/2025 at 10:51 AM

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And Danish Real Economy beats the USA real economy, so, the only thing to do is to announce NATO'S funeral.



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 **Harald** 7/7/2025 at 10:49 AM

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Increased spending will only favour USA, Russia is no treat to the West, they have all the area they need and more, they have all the resources they need and are willing to export what the West needs at fair prices- it's only Von Der Lying and Western politicians that stand betwee us and peace so we should get rid of them and find new leaders in Europe (and sentence Zelensky to life inprisonment together with Starmer, Macron and Von der Lying)

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Salvatore Vitale 7/7/2025 at 10:41 AM

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Duh

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D Lowry 7/7/2025 at 10:37 AM

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They have Russians pushing them on their eastern flank. The western flank is also ugly for them as tariffs come to town. I hope they have a plan B. Peace maybe?

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ДЛК 7/7/2025 at 10:38 AM ↑

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so well said

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Aно ny Mouse 7/7/2025 at 10:38 AM

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Taking from GDP will plunge state finances from borrowing by state bonds.

Cut downs of welfare services such as hospitals, schools and infrastructure will be.

No way working out of upcoming crisis as all profit in west is privatised.

Tax hikes, public lay offs and welfare cutdowns will plunge private suppliers.

GDP will plunge.

With 100% debt (many western countries) For every dollar to NATO the GDP needs 3 produced

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