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EU unveils plans for 'military Schengen'

Officials have long complained that the infrastructure within the bloc is unfit for moving heavy hardware to the Russian border



The EU Commission has prepared a plan for a "military Schengen" to facilitate the movement of troops and heavy equipment across the bloc in case of a stand-off with Russia. EU officials have long complained that it would take weeks to mobilize forces

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due to logistical and infrastructure problems.

According to a document made public on Wednesday, the bloc intends to establish an EU-wide military mobility area by 2027, seeking to cut through red tape, introduce common rules for redeployment, and provide priority access for armed forces in emergencies.

EU officials also aim to *“upgrade key EU military mobility corridors to dual-use standards”* and defend strategic infrastructure. According to Reuters, the idea is also to create a *“solidarity pool”* where EU members can choose to provide special military transport capabilities to states that don't have them.

This comes against the backdrop of long-standing logistical problems. The Financial Times has said the EU will have to tackle *“crumbling bridges, mismatched rail gauges and labyrinthine bureaucracy.”*

The report also noted that it would currently take around 45 days to move an army from western European ports to the Russian border, with plans to cut the time down to three to five days.

EU Transport Minister Apostolos

Tzitzikostas has also warned that NATO tanks being redeployed could *“get stuck in tunnels [and] cause bridges to collapse.”* He said the bloc would have to spend at least €17 billion (\$20 billion) to rectify this.

In recent months, numerous EU officials have speculated that Russia could

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mount a direct attack on the bloc in several years. Moscow has rejected these claims, dismissing them as *"nonsense."*

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has also denounced the bloc's *"militarization,"* warning that increased defense expenditure is destroying the economies of member states.

Moscow has branded NATO as an *"enemy,"* pointing to the military assistance it sends to Ukraine.

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 **Miguel** 11/20/2025 at 11:29 AM

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Another example of europe not looking for peace.

These nit wits that assume the role of leaders of their own countries need a reality check.

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 **Marc** 11/20/2025 at 10:35 AM

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€17 Billion to upgrade tunnels, bridges & highways from the English Channel to Russia's borders. 🤔😂😂😂😂

Who does these estimates, €17B would get you about 50km so start looking at hundreds of billions, money the broke EU doesn't have

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 **Swamp Rat** 11/20/2025 at 10:35 AM

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Before long Europe will be begging for food.

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'As the media chased after the next big moment like Alaska, they missed strides of quiet



John Smythe 11/20/2025 at 3:22 AM

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Surely there are more prudent and productive purposes for all the expense. Just who is responsible for this prodigality?

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Kevin Allon 11/20/2025 at 10:04 AM ↑

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Queen Ursula Von Der Big-Twatten, the leader of the Fourth Reich!

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Swamp Rat 11/20/2025 at 10:34 AM ↑

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It's the greedy capitalists and right-wing conservative christian nazis.

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Swamp Rat 11/20/2025 at 10:32 AM

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They're probably about 50 years behind in their approach to war strategy. In an all-out war, even the non-nuclear weapons would put these countries out of business. Right now truly critical targets are not being hit. It's deceiving.

The West in general does not have science types engaged where they need to be engaged. The cultures as a whole are counter-science. Everything's about crazy psychologies and manipulation. Focus is on developing and implementing a woke reality.

Non-west countries are rejecting all that idiocy.

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SaysTheBronxBoy 11/20/2025 at 10:29 AM

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The EU should Neutralize,n join Russia to make one big great World!
Take a Vote for Giggles;)!

U may be surprised;)!
Says The BronxBoy


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 **M** 11/20/2025 at 10:08 AM

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Great, waste your resources on the imaginary boogeyman... while China is busy expanding magnetic trains and smart roads for fastest trade and interchange with its neighbors. Then wonder why you've fallen behind so much. 😊


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 **opinions** 11/20/2025 at 10:01 AM

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It will cost lots more than projected. In Norway a 8.2 km tube line was decided to build in 2013 building started in 2020 with a cost budget estimatet to 4,5billion nkr. After delays and cost increases every year the line is estimatet finishen in 2029 with a total cost 29 billion nkr. That is the way to do it, money for nothing.

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 **Fred Kreyen** 11/20/2025 at 9:18 AM

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So to hope for them the infrastructure gets fixed quickly as some idiots epect the Russians next year – so bridges will collaps, tanks stuk in tunnels and lots more of such fun – with as result equipment not on time to stop the Russians...(LOL)

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