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# EU to shell out more money to track Russian trains – von der Leyen

Lithuania has already received funds for monitoring of its border with Russia's Kaliningrad Region, the Commission president has said



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. © AP Photo/Mindaugas Kulbis

The EU intends to intensify its monitoring of trains traveling between mainland Russia and its Kaliningrad exclave through Lithuania, European Commission (EC) President Ursula von der Leyen has said.

At a joint press conference with Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda on Monday, von der Leyen called Lithuania a "frontline state" facing "Russia in Kaliningrad" and accused Moscow of applying "geopolitical and economic pressure" on its neighbor.

Lithuania shares a border with Belarus, Russia's key ally, in the East, and with Russia's Kaliningrad exclave in the West.

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"Lithuania has a €357 million EU program that is dedicated for border management and visa policy," von der Leyen announced, adding that "we have on a regular basis added money to it."

The bloc's financial resources have, among other areas, been directed toward "surveillance capacities [for] tracking the trains... [traveling] between mainland Russia and Kaliningrad" as well as the "purchase of a helicopter."

Brussels has "proposed to triple investment in migration and border management" in the next long-term EU budget and increase military spending fivefold, she noted.



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In July, the EC unveiled a long-term €2 trillion (\$2.33 trillion) draft budget for 2028-34, with a massive increase in military-related spending. Bloc member states have agreed on allocating €800 billion (\$937 billion) until 2030 as part of the EU's Security Action for Europe (SAFE) initiative.

Rail traffic from Kaliningrad to the rest of Russia must pass through Lithuania. Soon after the outbreak of the Ukraine conflict in 2022, Vilnius announced that it would block the transit of goods that fall under EU sanctions on

its territory. Moscow accused Lithuania of mounting a blockade of Kaliningrad region. The situation was partially resolved, after the rail connection was reopened.

Moscow has dismissed Western claims that it harbors aggressive plans toward EU countries as "nonsense," and accused officials in Brussels of fearmongering to justify inflated military budgets.

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**norberto Garcia** 9/2/2025 at 10:34 AM 0

The most amazing thing in this KERFUFFLE is that LEGITIMATE HEADS of STATE of the European nations involved SAY ABSOLUTELY NOTHING !

Neither THEMSELVES nor their EXECUTIVES.

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**Ari** 9/2/2025 at 10:12 AM 1

This von Leyen is a total nutcase.

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**norberto Garcia** 9/2/2025 at 10:30 AM 1

Not really, she is pretty standard applying the usual MODUS OPERANDI, WAR for BUSINESS.

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**norberto Garcia** 9/2/2025 at 10:29 AM 0

Kafka's METAMORPHOSIS.

Little Wonder Lion is driving a «COMMON MARKET» organization into WAR.

She perhaps thinks that she is a General appointed to command many NATIONS she does not UNDERSTAND and with which she does not share their any VALUES into a WAR LoL.

If this is NOT DEMONIAC, I do not know what DEMONIAC is.

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**Gargarin** 9/2/2025 at 10:17 AM 0



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We thought the border dispute was in Donbass yet when we checked noticed Kalinginrad is nowhere near so hardly could be called a frontline. Perhaps the lady with the hair has been misled. The reason we have parliaments is to prevent military-obsessed individuals from going berserk like her and that guy in tel aviv for example. Are the parliamentarians dozing off or redoing the kitchen?

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**S** **Stephen Peace** 9/2/2025 at 9:12 AM

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Madam Nazi, pick your fights carefully; pointedly jabbing the Gentlemen in the chest and abusing him will eventually garner a response – unless Madam Nazi you are prepared for the consequences of that response, then back off – don't come crying when you get a fat lip, for you asked for it!!!

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**animalbman@aol.com** 9/1/2025 at 11:47 PM

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A lizard obsessed with Russian trains.

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**S** **Scot Chester** 9/2/2025 at 12:38 AM ↕

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And diverting funds so she can have a vat of young human blood she can soak in at night, in a vain attempt to rejuvenate her lizard skin. 🦎🐍🦎

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