

Germany, Spain to Train Ukraine Troops Under EU Program

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Germany and Spain are planning to train thousands of Ukrainian troops under an EU program to help bolster Kyiv's fightback against Russia, officials said Tuesday.

Their assistance adds to announcements already given by other EU countries that they will train Ukrainian soldiers on their territories.

The European Union is launching its largest-ever military training mission aimed at preparing an initial 15,000 Ukrainian troops for the battlefield.

The main hub for the mission will be in Ukraine's EU neighbor Poland, with a secondary headquarters set up in Germany.

Germany's Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht said at a meeting of EU counterparts in Brussels that Berlin was planning to train 5,000 Ukrainians "in a wide range of skills" by next June.

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