

# The Militarization of Europe. US-NATO Missiles Threat to Russia's Security

By [Robert Bridge](#)

Global Research, October 19, 2012

[Russia Today](#)

Region: [Russia and FSU](#)

Theme: [US NATO War Agenda](#)

Russia has warned that the US missile defense system in Europe could spark another arms race.

NATO's missile defense system presents a threat to Russia's national security and may trigger the militarization of Europe, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin told a NATO Parliamentary Assembly delegation on Thursday.

*"This missile defense concept is global and mobile, and it creates unpredictability," Rogozin said at a meeting with NATO officials at the Federation Council. "That is the real Figaro; Figaro here and Figaro there."*

Rogozin said Moscow is "awaiting explanations from NATO and Washington concerning the real purpose [of the system]," he stressed.

The Deputy Prime Minister remarked on the military defense components "that are being deployed around Norway, the bases in Romania," which are aimed at intercepting "strategic rockets according to speed, range and altitude characteristics."

Rogozin then mentioned the US naval group – the core of European missile defense – which "may be deployed in European ports rather far from the Russian territory (such as a base in Spain)."

However, "the same fleet will invariably appear in our northern seas under particular circumstances."

*"The radius of use of these weapons makes them a real threat to us," Rogozin noted. "The strategic potential of Russia is a guarantee of its sovereignty and independence."*

The US missile defense system, first shelved then repackaged under the Obama administration, has been a thorn in the side of the Russia-US reset. Indeed, Russia has warned that the issue has all the potential to escalate into another arms race.

If new threats to Russia's strategic potential appear, Russia will simply have to consider the threatening prospect of a militarized Europe.

Rogozin implored the NATO delegation not to push Russia into a position where it will be forced to respond.

*"We request you don't do that," he stressed. "The Russian response has a...political and*

*diplomatic nature at the moment, but you will not like the technical response we may have to pursue under certain circumstances."*

Although the Vice Premier said Russia has no reason to fear for the security of its western borders, he acknowledged there are threats that both Russia and the European Union share alike.

*"We see new threats arising in Russia and European countries and...these threats are practically identical to both you and us," Rogozin told the NATO delegation. "Russia is no an exporter of such threats to NATO states, and we can hardly reproach NATO for the presence of such threats."*

Russia regards the European Union as its unconditional strategic partner and Moscow is not interested in any conflicts or controversies disrupting the bilateral partnership, he stressed.

*"The 21st century should...represent the revival of Russia's full-scale presence in Europe's common political affairs, which would be of much benefit both for Russia and Europe," he declared.*

The original source of this article is [Russia Today](#)  
Copyright © [Robert Bridge](#), [Russia Today](#), 2012

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Robert Bridge](#)

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)