

# Konferenz gegen die EU- Militarisierung

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## EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY



**EUFOR**



**EUROCORPS**



**European Union Battlegroups**



# The End of the American Empire

- All Empires comes to an end, they don't exist forever
- Many have in recent years identified factors indicating the end of the US Empire
- EU is a probable candidate to raise as an Empire after the fall of USA
- This is not a promising scenario for the majority of people around the world

# Restoration of Empire

- On the 13th of February 20001, EU Commission President told the EU Parliament;  
*"Are we all clear that we want to build something that can aspire to be a world power?"*
- We must be clear that the objective of the EU elite is to create a world power, a Federal Superstate, a European Empire
- A state were the autonomy and sovereignty of the member states will be reduced to a minimum and in the end be removed completely

# Solana wants more resources for military build-up

- Solana presented the EU vision on December 12, 2003
- "A Secure Europe in a Better World" . 16 pages with very little content, except more military force
- That is the US approach
- Where did it bring the US?
- Drop Solana, not bombs.

# EUROPEAN UNION, UN and NATO

- The UN Security Council have 80% of the Veto Power in the hands of Christian states, no Muslim state represented
- EU wants more than their present two seats for their members
- EU agreed to boycott Iraq for twelve years. The result was the killing of 1,5 million Muslims
- Solana was leading NATO when they agreed to the illegal bombing Serbia
- A war criminal as Foreign Minister?

# Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

- Written by three men with an average age of 70 years old
- If a candidate country presented that treaty as their Constitution their application would have been turned down. It is not democratic enough!
- Each member state is required to increase their military budget continuously
- Very little on reconciliation, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding

## **European Defence Expenditure - General**

<b>Total Defence Expenditure</b>	<b>€ 193 000000000</b>
<b>Defence Expenditure as a % of GDP</b>	<b>1,81%</b>
<b>Defence Expenditure Per Capita</b>	<b>€ 425</b>

## **European Defence Expenditure**

<b>Military Personnel</b>	<b>1,856,354</b>
<b>Civil Personnel</b>	<b>464,109</b>
<b>Defence Spent per Soldier</b>	<b>€ 104,000</b>
<b>Investment (Equipment Procurement and R&amp;D) per Soldier</b>	<b>€ 19,069</b>

## **European Defence Expenditure**

<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>€ 40 200 000 000</b> <b>(20,8% of Total Defence Expenditure)</b>
<b>Equipment Procurement</b>	<b>€ 26 400 000 000</b>
<b>Research &amp; Development</b>	<b>€ 9 000 000 000</b>
<b>(Includes: Research &amp; Technology)</b>	<b>€ 2 200 000 000</b>

# European Rapid Reaction Force of 60,000 soldiers

- **Britain:** 12,500 troops, NBC Units, 18 warships - including one aircraft carrier and two nuclear powered submarines - 72 combat aircraft - cruise missiles and apache helicopters.
- **France:** 12,000 troops, an aircraft carrier group, one nuclear powered submarine, 75 combat aircraft and assorted support, including satellite facilities.
- **Germany:** 18,000 troops, six squadrons of combat aircraft, signal intelligence, 13 combat ships.
- **Greece:** 6,500 troops, one attack Helicopter Company, eight warships, 42 fighter aircraft, one battalion of Patriot missiles
- **Italy:** 12,500 troops including Special Forces, one aircraft carrier, one destroyer and three frigates, 26 tornado combat aircraft and electronic warfare capability including jamming systems and radio-gonicometers.
- **Portugal:** 4,000 troops one frigates, one submarine, one F-16 squadron with 12 aircraft.

# The Schengen Castle

- EU's citizens makes up about 8 per cent of the world population.
- *How will the 92 per cent look at a militarised Festung Europa that keeps on sitting on privileges and extracting relatively underpaid human and natural resources for its own purposes?*
- It is increasingly closed to those who knock on its doors even for very clear humanitarian purposes.

# European Imperialistic History

- 11 of its 27 members are old colonial powers
- Long traditions with Economic, Military, Political and Cultural domination.
- Victims hits back. September 11 2001 was directed against the economic (WTC) and the military (Pentagon) symbols of this domination

# EU extremely bad at Conflict Handling



- EU recognized Croatia and Slovenia and thus served Slobo, on a silver plate, the third war he had already fomented in his sick mind: the war in Bosnia

“Genscher as Slobos agent”

# Europe's History of Peace Prevention

## The Staring Point



## The result



# An Empire on the Raise

- The EU is on an eastward roll and gobbling up everything before it.
- Until a few years back, it was a little club of 15 countries in western Europe.
- Thanks to its eastward turn, it now has 27 members
- The wave of enlargement that followed the fall of communism not only made the EU bigger, but fundamentally changed the character of the union.
- Its expansion eastwards is no more than an astute act of foreign policy

- The EU plans to be able to intervene as far away as *6.000 kilometres from Brussels*
- That covers places like the major part of Russia, Beijing, Thailand, Kuala Lumpur, the Southern tip of Africa, Sao Paulo, Equador and Columbia, Central America minus Mexico.
- To keep the peace within this about 75 per cent of the world's territories is not exactly a humble plan.
- The mere fact that there seem to exist such a framework is enough to call the project megalomaniac.
- How do EU leaders expect these "interventionable" territories and places to be "pacified" to react?
- How much arms proliferation could this militarisation spark off over the next few decades?

# What to do?

- What EU leaders construct now, we must live with, pay for and see operate the next 5, 10 or 25 years.
- Without an active civil society following closely what is done there is little hope for positive development
- More research, critical journalism, activism, and creative thinking is needed!