

KUINKA HEIKKO EU ON?

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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Tämä kooste osoittaa kuinka laajasti mielenosoitukset jatkuvat ympäri Euroopan. Aluksi kannattaa kuitenkin lukea pitkä artikkeli kansainvälisistä laista.

KANSAINVÄLISET LAIT JA SOPIMUKSET

* Viimeisen vuosikymmenen aikana kansainvälistä järjestystä ylläpitäviä keskeisiä instituutioita on heikennetty, rampautettu tai vaarannettu. Eikä vähiten Yhdysvaltojen äskettäinen vetäytyminen useista kansainvälisistä järjestöistä ja sopimuksista kirjoittaa Linda Kinstler Guardianissa 26.6.2025, Linkki 13

MIELENOSOITUKSIA

* Ennen Naton huippukokousta Haagissa ja kokouksen aikana järjestettiin mielenosoituksia useissa Euroopan maissa, jossa kritisoitiin Naton viiden prosentin puolustusmenojen vaatimusta vastaan ja vaadittiin Naton lakkauttamista. Italiassa protestoitiin Lähi-idän meneillään olevia sotia vastaan vaatien toimintaa kansainväliseltä yhteisöltä. Berliinissä vaadittiin Gazan sodan välitöntä lopettamista. Lisää linkeissä 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 ja 22

EUROOPAN VARUSTELUSTA

* Eurooppa on lupautunut lisäämään varustelutasoaan tuntuvasti. Tämä saa kuitenkin kritiikkiä mm. tohtori Roland Popp sanoo: "Ne, jotka puhuvat tänään "johtajuudesta", tarkoittavat itse asiassa sokeaa tottelevaisuutta Washingtonille – ja siten hylkäävät kaiken eurooppalaisen itsenäisyyden." Samoilla kannoilla on politiikan tutkija Johannes Warwick, joka kritisoi varustelutason nostamista merkinä eurooppalaisesta alistuvuudesta ja sanoo, että Yhdysvallat todennäköisesti odottaa suuren osan eurooppalaisista puolustusmenoista menevän Yhdysvaltain asejärjestelmiin. Taloushistorioitsija, lordi Robert Skidelsky on Britannian ylähuoneen jäsen, kysyy, että minne tämä asevarustelukierre johtaa? Ja vastaa, että pelko lähestyvistä suursodasta voimistuu. Linkit 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 16, 23

Paljon lukemista, kuuntelemista ja katsottavaa.

- **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. ... This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

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1)

Popular Resistance.org – July 1, 2025 - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Hallucinations

Having agreed to increase their military spending to 5% of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the European states have created a series of problems for themselves.

The first problem is that they would have to invent the money out of their tight budgets. To raise their military expenditure to 5% of GDP would require them to reduce their social spending – in other words, to deepen the austerity policies that are already in place. In Germany, for instance, 21.1% of the population faces the risk of poverty or social exclusion. ...

The second problem is that despite the disbursement of money to the military, Europe simply does not have the production lines ready to roll out tanks and missiles at the required pace. ...

NATO has no real threats, only expensive hallucinations.

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2025/06/30/the-north-atlantic-treaty-organizations-hallucinations/>

2)

ASIA TIMES – July 1, 2025 - In Trump's game, the US and China win and Europe pays the bill

Lacking the ability to enforce its interests, Europe mustn't keep subsidizing US arms make

In the opening moves of Trump's second presidency, a pattern has emerged: Washington sets the agenda, Beijing adapts with precision, and Brussels capitulates. What emerges is a bipolar order where Europe has relegated itself to the role of financier and cheerleader.

Trump plays poker, Xi plays go and Europe struggles with simple puzzles. Within five months, Trump secured defense spending commitments previous presidents only theorized about. While China's rare earth export restrictions forced Washington into rapid recalibration, Europe responded with nothing but hollow laments. The asymmetry reveals everything: One bloc wields leverage, another answers with resolve, and the third writes checks. ...

<https://asiatimes.com/2025/07/in-trumps-game-the-us-and-china-win-and-europe-pays-the-bill/#>

3)

Multipolar – 30. Juni2025 - EU-Kommission will Aufnahmeprozess der Ukraine und Moldawiens vereinfachen

Ungarische Zeitung: Brüssel will Vetorecht Ungarns und anderer EU-Mitgliedsstaaten „eliminieren“ / EU-Abgeordnete: Aufnahme der Ukraine zieht ganz Europa in den Krieg / EU-Kommission: Erweiterungspolitik ist „geostrategische Investition“ ...

<https://www.multipolar-magazin.de/meldungen/0283>

4)

Reuters June 30, 2025 - Russia, asked about defence spending, says it is NATO spending that risks collapse of alliance

... Russia, which launched a full-scale war against Ukraine in 2022 after eight years of fighting in eastern Ukraine, dismisses Western claims that it will one day attack a NATO member, a step both Russia and the United States say could trigger World War Three. ...

Putin said on Friday that Russia was looking to cut its military expenditure from next year.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/russia-says-nato-spending-increase-may-lead-collapse-alliance-2025-06-30/>

5)

YouTube/Times of India – June 29, 2025 - 'If French Soldiers Are Sent...': Paris Up In Arms Against NATO; Macron Faces Fire Over 'War Move'

Hundreds gathered in Paris to protest NATO, EU militarization, and France's support for Ukraine, in a demonstration led by right-wing politician Florian Philippot. The rally condemned French President Emmanuel Macron's military policies and called for France to exit both NATO and the European Union. Protesters held signs reading "Frexit is another name for peace" and chanted against sending aid or troops to Ukraine. Philippot also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin's call for renewed peace talks, criticizing the West's aggressive stance as dangerous and unnecessary. The demonstration reflects rising discontent in France over foreign entanglements and military spending.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL_xa3SYLkA

6)

Berliner Zeitung – 28. Juni 2025 - Lord Skidelsky über Nato-Aufrüstung und Ukraine: „Europa führt einen Stellvertreterkrieg“

Robert Skidelsky ist Mitglied des britischen Oberhauses. Er setzt sich für eine Friedenslösung in der Ukraine ein und warnt vor der Militarisierung Europas.

In Europa wird massiv aufgerüstet. Die [Nato](#)-Mitglieder haben sich darauf verständigt, fünf Prozent ihres Bruttoinlandsprodukts in Aufrüstung zu investieren. Wohin wird diese Rüstungsspirale führen? Befürchtungen eines drohenden großen Krieges werden lauter. Robert Skidelsky setzt sich für eine Friedenslösung in der Ukraine und Abrüstung in Europa ein. Der Wirtschaftshistoriker ist Mitglied im House of Lords, dem britischen Oberhaus. Dort hält er Reden, in denen er vor einer kriegesischen Eskalation in Europa warnt. Er veröffentlichte einen Offenen Brief zusammen mit ehemaligen britischen und amerikanischen Diplomaten in der Financial Times, in dem sie aufriefen, sich für einen Waffenstillstand in der Ukraine einzusetzen. Die Berliner Zeitung sprach mit Robert Skidelsky über die laufenden Gespräche zwischen Russland und der Ukraine, die drohenden Folgen des europäischen Rüstungs-Kyngesianismus und die Rolle der Medien im Krieg.

https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/politik-gesellschaft/geopolitik/lord-skidelsky-ueber-nato-aufruestung-und-ukraine-europa-fuehrt-einen-stellvertreterkrieg-li.2336468?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1751124157

7)

Berliner Zeitung – 27. Juni 2025 – Die neuen Schlafwandler: Rüsten wir uns in den Weltkrieg? Ex-CIA-Experte hat „Angst um Deutschland“

Europa rüstet auf und macht sich für die außenpolitischen Abenteuer der USA erpressbar. Mündet die einseitige Strategie in der Katastrophe? Eine Analyse.

... Für Roland Popp ist klar: Die aktuelle Aufrüstung führt nicht zu mehr Sicherheit, sondern ins strategische Desaster: „Die hohen Militärausgaben der Amerikaner haben sehr wenig mit der Verteidigung Europas zu tun, viel mehr mit den globalen Ambitionen der USA und seinen verschwenderischen Kriegen im Nahen Osten. Die ganze Geschichte ist eine einzige Milchmädchenrechnung.“

Europa, so Popp, sei heute „Gefangener der Fehlentscheidungen vor dem Ukrainekrieg“. Wer heute von „Führung“ spreche, meine in Wahrheit blinden Gehorsam gegenüber Washington – und gebe damit jede europäische Eigenständigkeit auf. Besonders dramatisch: Europa habe die Fähigkeit zur klassischen Diplomatie verloren, so Popp. Und dabei sei gerade sie der einzige Weg, den man noch gehen könne, um einen neuen Weltkrieg zu verhindern. ...

(Dr. Roland Popp forscht an der Militärademie (MILAK) an der ETH Zürich zu militär- und gesamtstrategischen Fragen, Nuklearwaffen, technologischer Innovation und internationaler Geschichte. Er ist Historiker des Kalten Krieges und Islamwissenschaftler.)

<https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/politik-gesellschaft/geopolitik/die-neuen-schlafwandler-ruesten-wir-uns-in-den-weltkrieg-ex-cia-experte-hat-angst-um-deutschland-li.2337156>

8)

The Economic Times – June 27, 2025 - US to withdraw from NATO? Lawmaker introduces bill, labels it - Not A Trusted Organization

Synopsis

Senator Mike Lee has introduced a bill to withdraw the U.S. from NATO, arguing it's outdated and Europe isn't paying its fair share. This move comes amid debates about European defense spending and America's role in global security. While Trump has previously questioned NATO, he recently expressed support, creating uncertainty about the bill's prospects.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/us-to-withdraw-from-nato-lawmaker-introduces-bill-labels-it-not-a-trusted-organization/articleshow/122114333.cms?from=mdr>

9)

Youtube/Brussels Viory – June 27, 2025 - Fiery Showdown Against NATO: 35,000 Marchers Paralyse Belgium In Nationwide Protest | Watch

Brussels exploded in outrage as over 35,000 protesters flooded the streets, paralyzing the Belgian capital in a fiery showdown against NATO's 5% defence spending demand. Trade unions, civil groups, and anti-war activists joined forces in a nationwide strike, slamming the government for choosing tanks over teachers and war over welfare. Furious demonstrators branded NATO as "Trump's poodle," calling out EU leaders for blindly following Washington's warpath while slashing public services at home. The message from the streets? No more austerity for NATO's endless wars.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2l0iZHavs8>

10)

Canadian DIMENSION – June 27, 2025 - The empty case for Canada's 5% defence pledge

Why the world's most powerful military organization needs to more than double its expenditure remains completely unexplained

The priorities of our political leaders can be very hard to understand. Western countries are suffering years of economic stagnation, deteriorating public services, increasing popular distrust in political institutions, and a host of other problems. Yet our governments have decided that what we really need to do is spend more money on defence—and not just more money, but a lot, lot more money than what we are spending at present. ...

<https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/the-empty-case-for-canadas-five-percent-defence-pledge>

11)

YouTube/Times Now World – June 26, 2025 - NATO Faces Revolt on the Streets: Belgians Say No to Trump's War Budget Demands!

Brussels exploded in outrage as over 35,000 protesters flooded the streets, paralyzing the Belgian capital in a fiery showdown against NATO's 5% defence spending demand. Trade unions, civil groups, and anti-war activists joined forces in a nationwide strike, slamming the government for choosing tanks over teachers and war over welfare. Furious demonstrators branded NATO as "Trump's poodle," calling out EU leaders for blindly following Washington's warpath while slashing public services at home. The message from the streets? No more austerity for NATO's endless wars.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs4hwiIUAXs>

12)

YouTube/The Guardian – June 26, 2025 - Protesters dragged from outside Nato summit in The Hague

Members of Extinction Rebellion and other activist groups were calling for leaders to end the war in Gaza and address the climate crisis. A number of protests have been staged during the lead up to the summit, where leaders are expected to discuss defence spending targets amid further conflict in the Middle East.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZDTBindXzo>

13)

The Guardian – June 26, 2025 - Are we witnessing the death of international law?

A growing number of scholars and lawyers are losing faith in the current system. Others say the law is not to blame, but the states that are supposed to uphold it

...Over the past decade, key institutions upholding the international order have been diminished, crippled or compromised. The recent US withdrawal from a vast array of international organisations and agreements – the Paris climate accords, the World Health Organization, the UN human rights council – has further damaged the system; US sanctions on the international criminal court (ICC) have undermined the court's credibility and created serious financial obstacles to its investigations of war crimes in Ukraine and Gaza. The UN security council has been deadlocked for well over a decade, thanks to the veto power of its permanent members. ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2025/jun/26/are-we-witnessing-the-death-of-international-law>

14)

YouTube/APT – June 25, 2025 - Huge Crowd Rallies in The Hague Against NATO's Expanding Military Policies | APT

Hundreds of demonstrators rallied in The Hague as the NATO summit commenced on June 25, protesting against the alliance's expanding military agenda and increased defence spending. Previously over 5,000 people from across Europe, including the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium had gathered in Koekamp Park and nearby areas to protest NATO's decision. The protests were organised by more than 20 groups and took place just as NATO's 32 member states prepared to approve a proposed target to raise defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035. The demonstrations continued near the Dutch Parliament on the opening day of the summit, contrasting sharply with the official agenda focused on boosting military investment. Protesters expressed concerns over NATO's transformation into a global military force and the prioritisation of defence budgets amid growing economic challenges.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhrrzoTVRL0>

15)

YouTube – June 25, 2025 - London Erupts: Protests Outside U.S. Embassy Over Iran Strikes, UK Gov't Slammed For Silence

Hundreds of protesters rallied outside the US Embassy in London on Monday, denouncing Washington's strikes on Iranian nuclear sites and accusing UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government of inaction. Demonstrators from the Stop the War Coalition and Palestine Action condemned the attacks as illegal and warned of a dangerous escalation in the Middle East. British Foreign Secretary David Lammy distanced the UK from the strikes, urging Tehran to "dial it down" and calling for a swift return to negotiations. Clashes also erupted in Trafalgar Square as activists slammed the UK's decision to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist organisation, calling it a grave attack on freedom of speech.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5aVx-Ygws8>

16)

Berliner Zeitung – 25. Juni 2025 – „Strategie der Unterwürfigkeit“: Europa folgt Trump beim Nato-Gipfel bedingungslos

Beim Nato-Gipfel übernimmt Europa Donald Trumps Fünf-Prozent-Ziel für Verteidigungsausgaben. Der Politologe Johannes Varwick kritisiert das als Zeichen europäischer Unterwürfigkeit.

... Der Politikwissenschaftler Johannes Varwick bewertet das Geschehen mit deutlichen Worten. Die Europäer versuchten mit allen Mitteln, die „launische Supermacht [USA](#) an Bord der Allianz zu halten“, sagt er der Berliner Zeitung. Dabei hätten sie sich mehrheitlich für eine „Strategie der Unterwürfigkeit“ entschieden. Faktisch würden sie „am Nasenring durch die Manege geführt“, während ihr Einfluss auf die Haltung der USA marginal sei. Auch in der Frage, wohin die neuen Ausgaben fließen sollen, sei vieles unausgesprochen. Varwick zufolge erwarten die USA vermutlich, dass ein Großteil der zusätzlichen europäischen Verteidigungsmittel in US-Waffensysteme fließt. ...

<https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/politik-gesellschaft/geopolitik/nato-gipfel-trump-europa-aufruestung-li.2336482>

17)

YouTube/alanews – Jun 25. 2025 - Protesta contro il riarmo a Napoli: bruciato il logo Nato

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EN9_8CJ2rQA

18)

sky tg24 - 23 giu 2025 - Guerra Israele Gaza, protesta attivisti al Pantheon di Roma

A Roma centinaia di attivisti si sono riuniti a piazza della Rotonda, davanti al Pantheon, per creare una catena umana. La manifestazione protestava contro le attuali guerre in Medio Oriente e l'assenza di azioni della comunità internazionale.

<https://tg24.sky.it/cronaca/video/2025/06/23/guerra-israele-gaza-protesta-attivisti-al-pantheon-di-roma-1019077>

19)

il POST - 22 giugno 2025 - Le foto delle due manifestazioni a Roma contro il riarmo e la guerra

Partivano da slogan simili, ma le modalità sono state un po' diverse; la comunità palestinese ha partecipato a entrambe

"Stop Rearm Europe" («No al riarmo dell'Europa»)

<https://www.ilpost.it/2025/06/22/manifestazioni-roma-riarmo-guerra-gaza-israele/>

20)

rbb24 – 22. Juni 2025 - Mindestens 15.000 Menschen demonstrieren für Ende der Angriffe auf Gaza

... Mehrere Tausend Menschen haben am Samstag an einer Demonstration für das Ende der Angriffe auf den Gazastreifen in Berlin teilgenommen. Eine Sprecherin der Berliner Polizei sagte dem rbb, rund 15.000 Menschen hätten sich an einem Protestzug durch das Regierungsviertel beteiligt. Die Veranstalter sprachen von 30.000 Teilnehmenden. ...

<https://www.rbb24.de/politik/beitrag/2025/06/berlin-demonstration-gaza.html>

21)

Le Monde – 21 juin 2025 - Manifestation contre le Salon du Bourget : des milliers de personnes dénoncent « l'économie de guerre » et « le business de la mort »

... Plusieurs milliers de personnes ont manifesté, samedi 21 juin dans l'après-midi, « *contre l'économie de guerre* » et « *le business de la mort* », au départ de Bobigny (Seine-Saint-Denis) et en direction du Salon du Bourget, derrière une banderole réclamant la fin du « *génocide en Palestine* ». « *Salon du Bourget : marchands de mort* », lisait-on sur une des affichettes brandies par des manifestants. « *Leurs guerres, leurs profits, nos mort·e·s, stop au génocide en Palestine* », clamait la banderole de tête. ...

https://www.lemonde.fr/economie/article/2025/06/21/manifestation-contre-le-salon-du-bourget-des-milliers-de-personnes-denoncent-l-economie-de-guerre-et-le-business-de-la-mort_6615095_3234.html

22)

YouTube/Mundo Deportiva – Jun 8, 2025 - RECHAZO social al REARME: protestas en Madrid contra el aumento del presupuesto de Defensa

Varias formaciones políticas y colectivos sociales, entre ellos Sumar, Podemos e Izquierda Unida, han participado este sábado en una manifestación en Madrid para protestar contra el aumento del gasto militar en España. La marcha se ha convocado en vísperas de la próxima cumbre de la OTAN y ha buscado elevar la presión sobre el Gobierno para que rechace los planes de rearme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtnHr7ZcOfU>

23)

The Nation – June 12, 2025 - The False Premise of European Rearmament

Have European leaders stopped to consider the Orwellian implications of gearing up their nations for perpetual war?

By Robert Skidelsky - member of the British House of Lords, a professor emeritus of political economy at Warwick University.

On March 5, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen unveiled her Re-Arm Europe Plan, which aims to boost EU defense spending by €800 billion over four years. On June 5, NATO defense ministers agreed to double their members' annual defense spending from an average of roughly 2.5 percent of GDP to 5 percent by 2032. ...

But doubts about the American commitment to NATO cannot be openly admitted, so emphasis is placed on the second justification—the Russian bogey. Britain's Strategic Defense Review (SDR)—published on June 5, calls for British rearmament as part of a "NATO first" policy—mentions the possibility of American disengagement only in passing; it is the Russian threat that looms largest. ...

The review is a superb example of how, starting from a false premise, remorseless logic can lead to a mad conclusion. The premise is that if Russia is not confronted by a rearmed Europe, it will seek to impose its will on the continent. Deny the premise, and the argument for mobilizing society and economy against Russia collapses. What it reveals is the strength of the warmongering mood of official Britain. ...

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/europe-war-ams-nato-russia-weapons/>