

Small States Security and Defence

Montenegro

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Security and Defence – Country Overview

- Gains international recognition at Berlin congress in 1878.
- Becomes a part of Kingdom of SHS in 1918. and a part of SFRY in 1945. under different institutional arrangement
- Regains independence in 2006.

- Major military involvements:
 - Balkan wars for independence from Ottoman empire,
 - I and II World wars
 - As a part of SRY involved in the war in Croatia

- Fun fact: In war with Japan for 100 years

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- Country in the Balkans with access to the Adriatic sea
- Currently bordering several allies from NATO
- Limited capabilities for modern warfare

- Suffered from a devastating earthquake in 1979
- Seasonal wildfire and floods
- Cyber security is not a frequently discussed issue
- Societal security is becoming increasingly challenging to maintain

- Up until recently one of the major security risks in the country was modernization and destruction of outdated weaponry and ammunition storage facilities

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- Government and administration
 - Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs
 - Specialized Directorate for Emergency Situations
- Several international arrangements most notably aimed at combating natural disasters
 - Strategy for combating natural disasters from 2015.
 - Strategy for reducing natural disasters 2018

Small States National Defence

- Small and specialized military forces with 4 main branches (infantry, navy, air force and general logistics) totalling 1.821 military personnel
- NATO Member state (including bordering Albania, Croatia)

Small States National Defence

- Non existing debate in the public regarding EU and cooperation in defence and security

Small States Role in Peacekeeping

- **"Resolute Support"** in Afghanistan with 418 military and nonmilitary personnel
- **EU NAVFOR ATALANTA** near Somalia with 32 military personnel
- **EUTM** in Mali with 7 military personnel
- **MINURSO** in Western Sahara with 2 military personnel

- Two military observers served in the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) since 2006, but they withdrew in mid-2014.
- Four police officers deployed to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) since 2009.

Conclusion: Main future security challenges

- With recent NATO membership, military security issues have been resolved and significant security against external threats achieved
- More troublesome issues can arise from natural disasters and seasonal weather changes, while level of IT literacy and cyber security is still a very low level