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## **CROATIA TO SEND ARMY COMPANY TO LITHUANIA**

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Croatian Defence Minister Damir Krstičević announced in Brussels that one company of Croatian soldiers would be sent to Lithuania in 2018, as part of a strategy to strengthen NATO forces in the Baltic region, reports Jutarnji List on October 27, 2016.

After his first meeting of NATO defence ministers, Krstičević said to reporters that the new Croatian governments foreign policy priorities would be Bosnia and Herzegovina and the stronger positioning of Croatia within the European Union and NATO.

One of the most important conclusions is to strengthen the Alliance in the east, said Krstičević, adding that Croatia had decided to send a company of the Croatian Army to Lithuania in 2018, as part of a German battle group, and that the mission was currently in the preparatory phase.

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