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## ITALY'S GRAND PLAN TO MEET NATO TARGET: A €13.5B BRIDGE TO SICILY

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Faced with a daunting new NATO spending target, Italian politicians are proposing that a long-discussed €13.5 billion bridge to Sicily should be defined as military expenditure.

Rome is one of NATO's lowest military spenders – only targeting 1.49 percent of gross domestic product on its military last year. That makes the new goal of 5 percent by 2035 seem out of reach.

And that's where the bridge could help.

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