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## **EUROPE'S €800BN MILITARISATION - 'PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH' OR PATH TO WAR?**

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European militarisation is intensifying. Peace, were told, can only be achieved "through strength".

Yet twice over the last century accelerated militarisation across Europe preceded and directly culminated in the outbreak of two world wars that left tens of millions dead.

Today, European leaders are recklessly repeating the same mistakes of their predecessors while trying to convince us that this time round militarisation will bring peace. We have no reason to believe them.

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