

NATO Allies Take over Black Sea for Military Exercise

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The title is courtesy of the [Transylvania Now new site](#). The Pentagon’s Special Operations Command Europe kicked off the Trojan Footprint 21 exercise on May 3; what is identified as its premier special operations forces drills.

The war games will be held until May 14 in five Black Sea and Balkans nations: Bulgaria, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Romania. Special forces from the U.S. – all branches of the armed forces including Green Berets – the five host nations, Britain, Germany, Spain and Ukraine are involved. With the exception of Turkey, all Black Sea littoral states but Russia are participating.

The exercise is designed for “[enhancing interoperability between NATO allies](#)” to prepare for “counter[ing] myriad threats.” Though there aren’t a thousand, only one, threat. Russia.

Just as it is all-service so it is “all-domain” with air, land and sea forces engaged in combating an unnamed adversary in the Black Sea. One which has a fleet based in Sevastopol in Crimea.

Trojan Footprint 21 is occurring simultaneously with the massive [DEFENDER-Europe 21](#) war games in the same area and ahead of the [Steadfast Defender](#) exercise, also to be held in the Black Sea region.

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