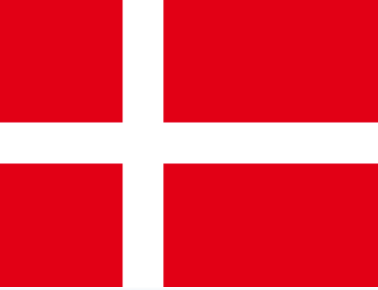




## Denmark and the EU militarisation

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# The Danish People's Movement against the EU

- We are a 45 year old **cross political movement** that works on a democratic and non-racist platform for **Denmark to leave the EU** and become **EU's good neighbour**.
- We have been **represented in the EU parliament** since the first direct election in 1979.
- We have been on the winning side in referendums on Maastricht-treaty (1992), the euro (2000) and supranational justice policy (2015) and we were also active in the Greenlandic referendum (1982).

Demonstration in Copenhagen against Danish EEC membership in 1972



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# Why is Denmark not part of the EU militarisation?



- In 1992 a majority of the Danes voted no to the Maastricht treaty
- After the no Denmark got some extra opt-outs from the EU
- The Danish government promised that the opt-outs should be the foundation for a new Danish approach to the EU. But in reality they only wanted the opt-outs so Denmark would not prevent the EEC from becoming the EU.
- One of the opt outs from 1992 is an **opt out from the EU defense policy**
- The **government** is probably - at the moment - **afraid of loosing another referendum**. The EU pro parties have lost referendums about the euro (2000) and justice policy (2015)
- So the reason we are not part of the EU militarisation is **because of the Danish people** – not the Danish government.



# What is the Danish defence opt out ?

- The Danish **defence opt out** is a condition for the **Danish yes to the EU treaty** and recognized by the EU.
- **Articles** in the Lisbon treaty on defence and military are **not valid for Denmark**
- Denmark is not part of **the EU battle groups**
- Denmark is not member of **the EU defence agency**
- Denmark is not part of **PESCO**
- Danish tax payers **do not pay to EU military projects** (but we pay indirectly to EU offices and civil servants)
- **Danish soldiers does not wear EU uniforms and participate in EU military operations.**
- We are **almost a non-EU member state** when it comes to EU defense and militarisation.



# Our arguments against the EU militarisation?

- EU should **not** have anything to do with defense or **militarisation**
- The EU military will lead to **increased armament**
- The EU treaty does **not** have a **ban against nuclear weapons**
- The EU **does not demand UN mandates** for its military operations
- **The EU supports the weapon industry** that sells weapons to governments that violate human rights
- If we give EU power over defense policy **we might never as citizens be asked again** about the EU militarisation even - if it changes into a supranational military union
- With the EU militarisation it is clear that **the goal is an EU super state.**



## Alternatives to the EU militarisation

- Denmark supports peace **better through the UN**
- Danish **help is needed** in many UN peace missions in the world.
- We can **help removing** land mines in other nations **without transferring power over military to the EU.**
- Denmark should **reject the EU's terrorist** so that we together with Norway can facilitate peace negotiations in the world.
- We should **not be a country that undermine other nation's security.**
- We do not need the **EU military for our own defense.**