

NATO Membership Sweden & Finland

Global Responses

Sweden and Finland have stated their interest to formally apply and join the NATO alliance. The Ukrainian crisis has led both countries to re-assess their national security policy of military neutrality. The Russian invasion has deteriorated the peace and stability of Europe as a whole.

Statements

NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg

Finland is one of NATO's closest partners, a mature democracy, a member of the European Union, and an important contributor to Euro-Atlantic security

Finnish President, Sauli Niinistö

Joining NATO wouldn't be against anybody; we would like to maximise our security one way or another while thinking about membership in NATO

Swedish Prime Minister, Eva Magdalena Andersson

Putin thought he could cause division, but he has achieved the opposite. We stand here today more united than ever

Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Turkey will not view applications by Sweden and Finland "positively"

Russian President, Vladimir Putin:

Russia has no issue with Finland and Sweden, but that the expansion of military infrastructure on their territory would demand a reaction from Moscow

NATO Membership through the years*

- Since 1949
- Between 1952 - 1982
- In 1999
- Between 2004 - 2009
- Between 2017 - 2020
- Expressed interest to join NATO
- Applied for NATO membership

*Excluding the US and Canada

