

Putin, cash and guns prompt ‘explosive’ rethink of Swiss neutrality

After 500 years of non-alliance, a bombshell report recommends closer cooperation with the EU and NATO.

Switzerland isn't keen on getting involved in wars but likes making money.

The clash between those values — plus worries that Russian President Vladimir Putin poses a risk to the whole of Europe — is prompting the country to rethink its defense stance.

In a bombshell report released on Thursday, a group of experts recommend to the government that the country, which has been neutral since 1515, work on a “common defense capability” with the EU and NATO.

“Since the Russian attack on Ukraine, neutrality has once again become the subject of political debate, both at home and abroad. Pressure on Switzerland to clarify its position is growing,” reads the report, calling for a “revision” of its neutrality policy.

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