

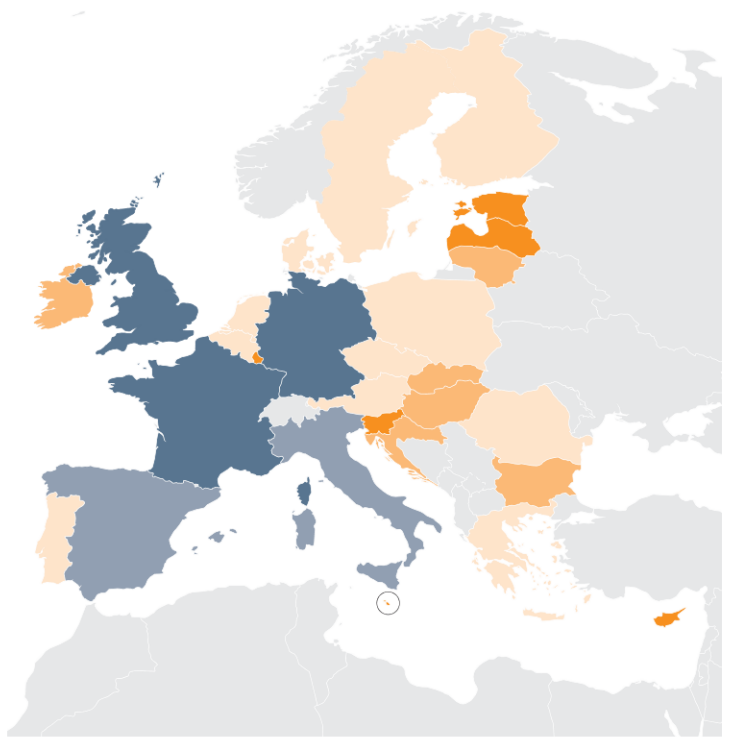
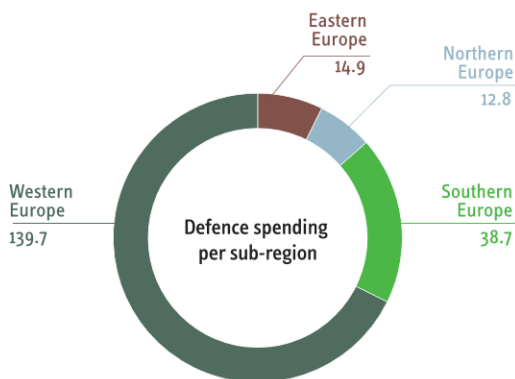
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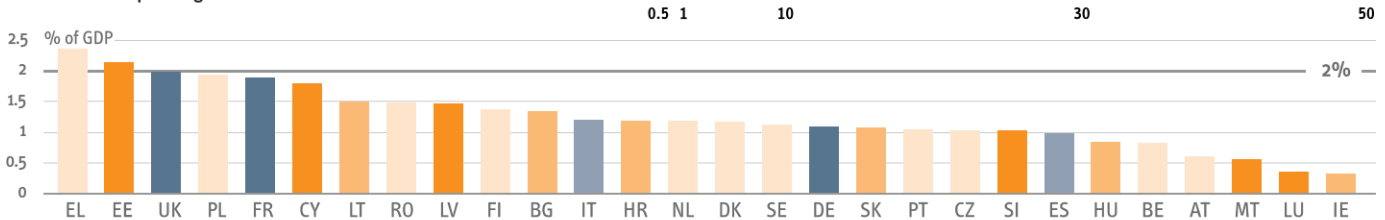


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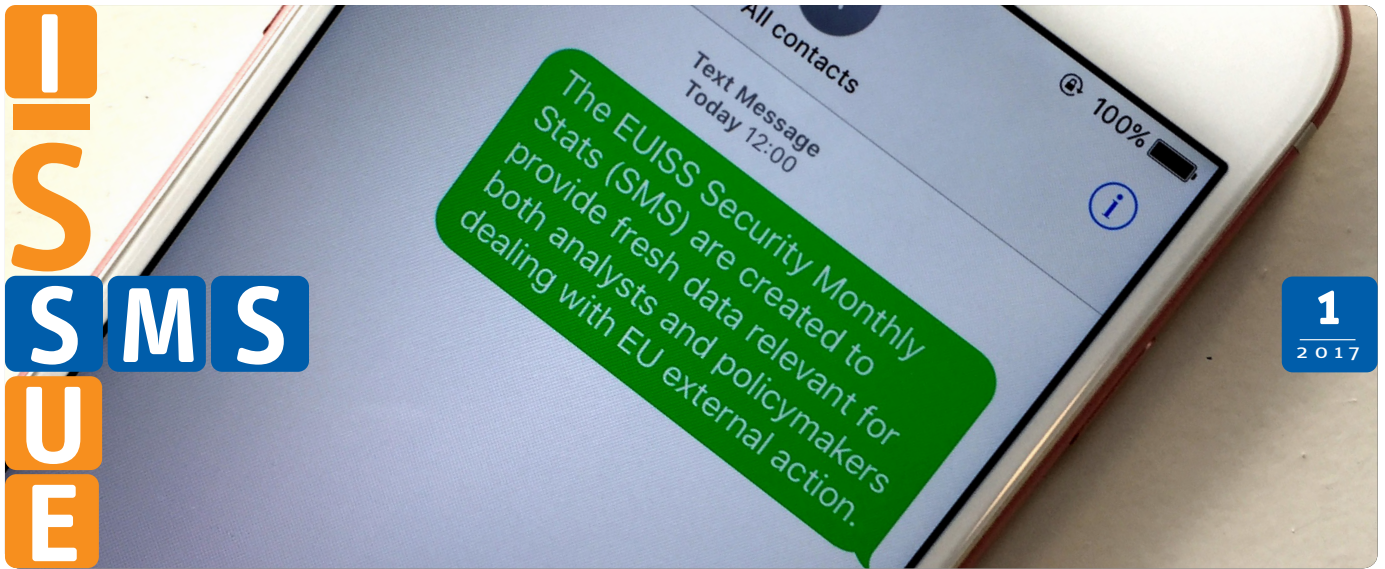
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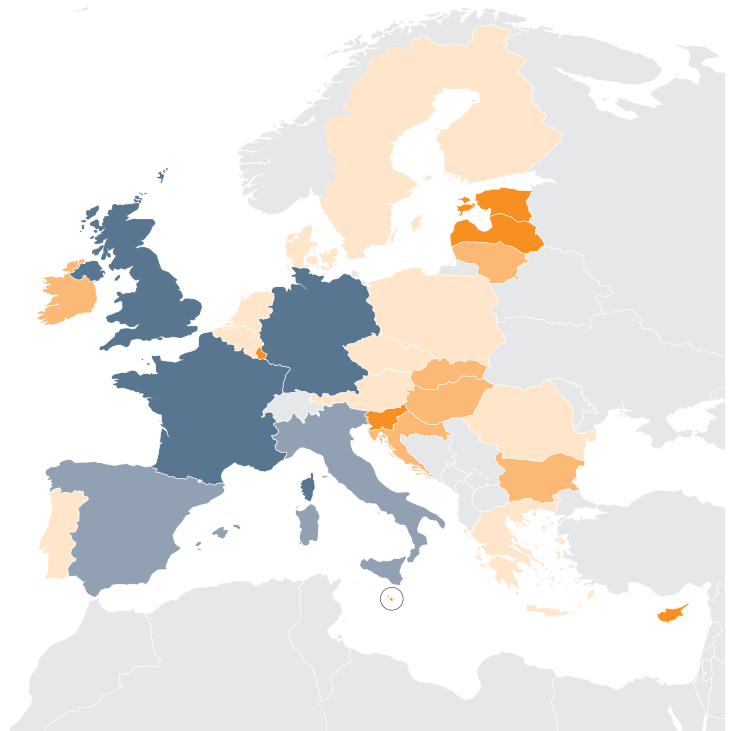
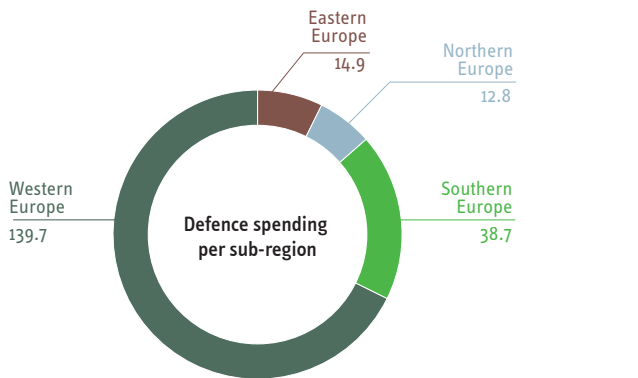


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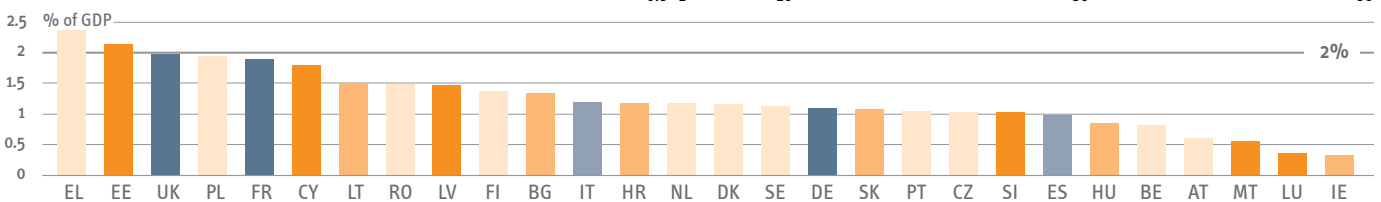


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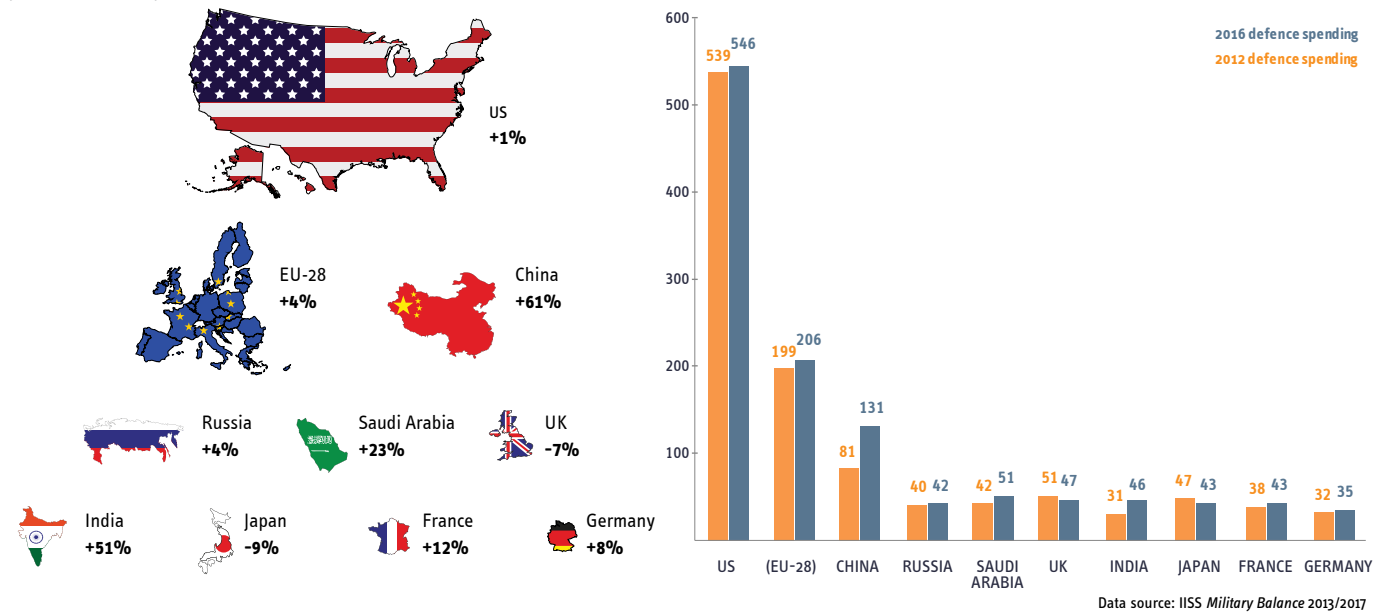


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Who are the largest defence spenders around the globe? (2012 vs 2016 levels)

(current € billions)



When accounting for inflation, EU-28 defence spending in current prices has increased over the past five years. The US maintains its position as the world's largest defence spender, and three EU member states remain in the top ten. With regards to arms exports figures, transfers to Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries have significantly increased at the same time as EU-28 arms exports to fellow member states have almost halved. In 2016, the volume of EU-28 arms exports to the ten MENA countries highlighted in the graphics below was approximately the same as the volume of exports to the rest of the world.

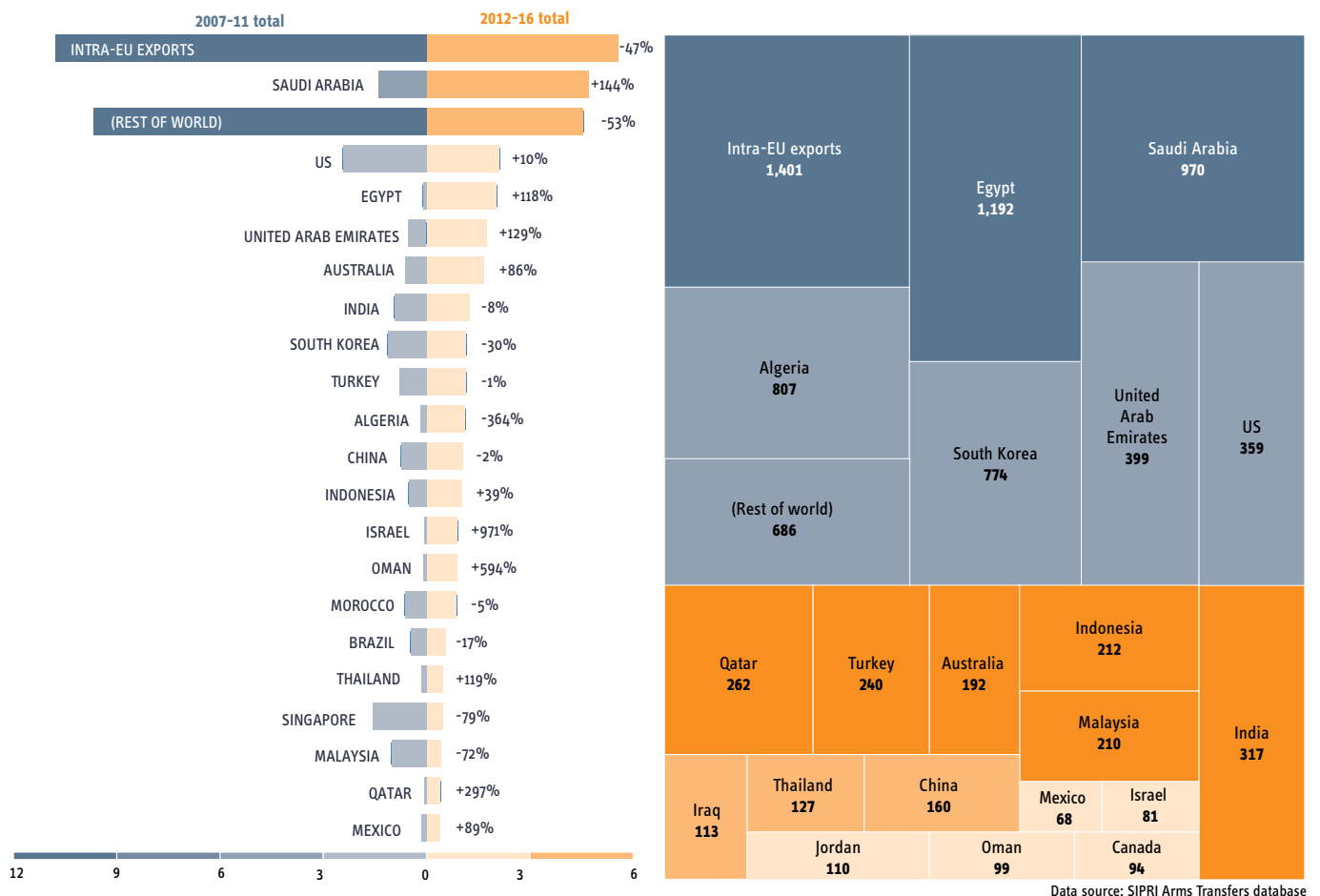
What are the top destinations of EU-28 arms exports?

(1990 constant \$ billions)

From a 10 year perspective...

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...to 2016 levels



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