

Russia



The continuance of Western sanctions and the depressed price of oil and gas has adversely affected your economy. The revenue from energy exports, your leading source of income, is insufficient to run your budget. You are rapidly exhausting your currency reserves. The average Russian perceives this imbalance and has tired of shortages. The empty refrigerator has come to symbolize the limits of the state, undoing years of carefully orchestrated propaganda broadcasts on TV and radio.

Moscow's influence in Europe is also in decline. Fewer Russian tourists and resident aliens are spending ever less money. Russian influence within European mainstream parties and sympathetic individuals is similarly waning. Tellingly, Russia's ties to European populist parties and the influx of refugees into Europe are becoming more visible, incurring the displeasure of the mainstream.

Moreover, the growing transparency in European energy markets is strengthening the bargaining position of European Union member states with Russia. Oil and gas exports are not the weapons they once were. Russia cannot afford to be seen to be defeated by NATO or the EU, much less by the Baltic States. Moscow must defend the sovereignty of the state and its standing in the world.

Ensure you take into account the goals and perspective of China. Beijing welcomes Moscow's determined stand against the West but not at the expense of a regional war or a major disruption in trade between China and Europe.

Goals:

- Induce the West to weaken or rescind sanctions
- Restore the prestige of office of the presidency and Mother Russia at home and abroad
- Pressure the Baltic States into economic and political dependence
- Shatter NATO/EU solidarity – de facto separate Baltic States from the alliance/union
- Secure the LOC to Kaliningrad by force if necessary
- Reduce the hegemony of Nordic financial bodies in the Baltic, principally Swedish
- Deter Sweden from joining NATO

STARTEX

Nuclear Escalation Track: +1
Immigration/Refugee: +3
Public Opinion: 0
Game Turn: 1
Player Turn: RU

Russia:

1	Western Military District	On border with Baltic States
1	Central Military District	Russia off map
1	Iskander (inverted)	Kaliningrad District
1	Iskander	With Central Military District – off map
1	Naval	St. Petersburg
1	Naval	off map
1	Ranged Fire	Kaliningrad District
2	Ranged Fire	On border with Baltic States
2	Ranged Fire	off map
2	Aviation	off map
1	Air Defense	Kaliningrad District
2	Air Defense	On border with Baltic States
2	Air Defense	off map
2	MOI	On border with Baltic States
1	MOI	off map
4	Little Green Men	off map
1	Military	Kaliningrad District
2	Military	Western Military District – on border
1	Military	off map
4	Diplomatic	off map
4	Information	off map
4	Economic	off map
2	Advisors	off map
1	Deception	off map
1	Cyber Security	Kaliningrad District
1	Cyber Security	off map
2	Cyber Attack	off map
2	Boycott	off map
1	Espionage	off map
2	Interdiction	off map

European Union:

2	Advisor	Brussels
3	Diplomatic	Brussels
4	Information	Brussels

2	Military	Brussels
4	Economic	Brussels
3	Gendarme	Brussels
1	Cyber Security	Brussels
2	Boycott	Brussels

NATO:

2	Diplomatic	NATO HQ
2	Information	NATO HQ
2	Economic	NATO HQ
2	Advisor	NATO HQ
1	Advisor	Tartu, Estonia, Baltic Defense College
2	Aviation	NATO HQ
1	Aviation	Šiauliai, Lithuania
1	Military	Poland – MNC NE
2	Military	NATO HQ
1	Ranged Fires	NATO HQ
1	Air Defense	NATO HQ
2	Deception	NATO HQ
1	Rapid Reaction Force	NATO HQ
1	Cyber Security	Tallinn, Estonia – NATO Center of Excellence
1	Cyber Security	NATO HQ
2	Naval	NATO HQ
1	Multinational Corps NE	Poland
2	Interdiction	NATO HQ
2	Cyber Attack	NATO HQ
1	Espionage	NATO HQ

United States of America:

2	Special Forces	off map
1	Cyber Security	off map
2	Cyber Attack	off map
2	Naval	off map
1	Air Defense	Poland – MNC NE
2	Air Defense	off map
2	Diplomatic	off map
4	Information	off map
2	Military	off map
2	Economic	off map
1	Advisor	Tartu, Estonia, Baltic Defense College
2	Advisor	off map
1	Sanction	off map
1	Sanction	In Russia

Baltic States and Poland:

1	Liquid Natural Gas Terminal	Klaipeda
4	Military	One each in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland
2	Diplomatic	off map
2	Economic	off map
2	Information	off map
1	Cyber Security	Tallinn
1	Cyber Security	Poland – MNC NE
1	Cyber Attack	off map