



The Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles: An Increasing Threat to the Alliance

The proliferation of ballistic missile capabilities does not necessarily mean there is an immediate intent to attack NATO, but the Alliance has a responsibility to take this into account as part of its mission to protect its populations, territories and forces. NATO BMD is intended to defend against potential threats emanating from outside the Euro-Atlantic area.

Protecting NATO European Allies, a core task of NATO's collective defence.



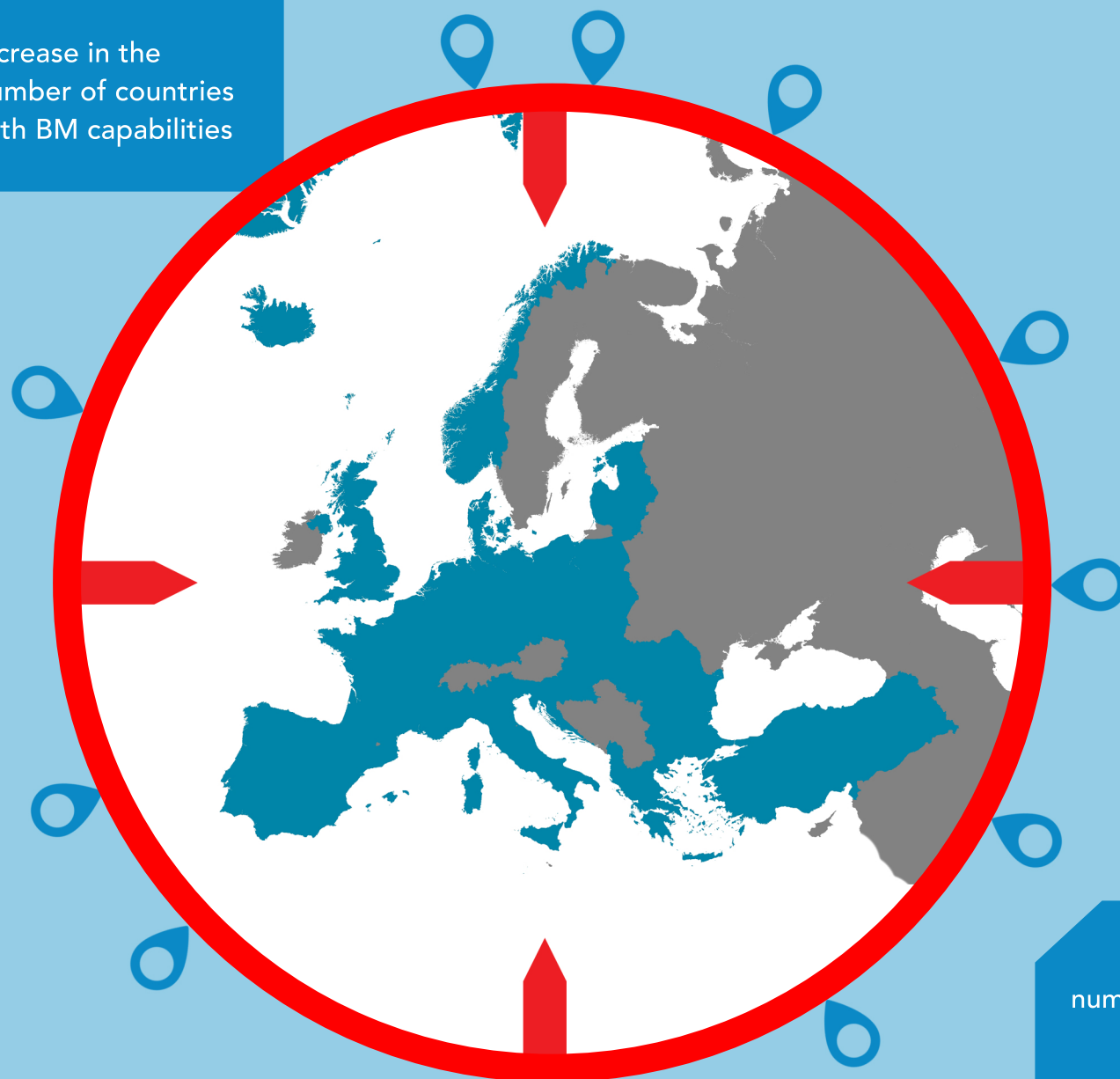
26
COUNTRIES



560
MILLION PEOPLE



Increase in the number of countries with BM capabilities



2000kms

1000kms

Increase in the distance and accuracy of ballistic missiles

Increase in the type and number of short and medium range ballistic missiles

