



# DELIVERING ON THE STRATEGIC COMPASS



**“** The past twelve months have been a brutal wake up call for Europeans. As Russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine continues and the world becomes more unstable and unpredictable, Europeans are investing in their common security. With the Strategic Compass we are moving from words to action: for our own security, for the security of our partners and for international peace and security. All three are inextricably linked.”

JOSEP BORRELL

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission

The Strategic Compass was adopted in March 2022, one month after the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It lists more than 80 concrete actions to translate even more the EU's ambition in security and defence into reality. One year after its adoption, the EU and its Member States have made significant progress in its implementation.



ACT



We have **reinforced our presence and invested in new engagements to support our partners.** In less than a year, the EU has deployed three missions, and delivered lethal and non-lethal equipment to Ukraine.

- New **military Assistance Mission** to train Ukrainian soldiers (EUMAM)
- New **civilian Mission in Armenia** (EUMA) to contribute to long-term stability in the border areas of Armenia
- New **military partnership Mission in Niger** (EUMPM) to support the country in its fight against terrorist groups
- Extensive use of **European Peace Facility**, including **€3.6 billion** for military support to Ukraine
- Adoption of a new **Military Mobility Action Plan**
- First **two operational scenarios** in support of the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity



SECURE



We are **anticipate threats, secure our access to strategic domains and protect our citizens.**

- Updated EU threat analysis to continue building a **common strategic culture**
- Operationalisation of the EU **hybrid toolbox**
- New EU Policy on **Cyber Defence** to protect, detect, defend and deter cyber-attacks
- New Directive on measures for a high **common level of cybersecurity** across the Union
- Updated **EU Maritime Security Strategy**
- First **EU Space Strategy** for Security and Defence
- EEAS **Crisis Response Centre** created





## INVEST



We have **progressed towards spending more and better together**. For the first time ever, the EU will support Member States with joint procurement of ammunition.

- **Increase of defence expenditure** in the EU (€214 billion in 2021 and estimated additional €70 million by 2025)
- Analysis of **Defence Investment Gaps**
- Task Force set up to consolidate Member States' most urgent needs and prepare the ground for **joint procurement**
- Proposal of €500 million instrument to **incentivise collaborative procurement** (EDIRPA)
- New EDA's **Innovation Hub** and launch of **EU Defence Innovation Scheme** (€2 billion)
- First **Annual Meeting of Defence ministers on Capabilities**



## PARTNER



We have **stepped up our cooperation with bilateral, regional and multilateral partners**. The European Peace Facility has become an integral part of our support to partners globally.

- Close cooperation with **UN, OSCE, AU and ASEAN**
- **Third Joint Declaration** on EU-NATO cooperation
- Deepened **security and defence dialogues** with partners, including US, Norway, Canada, Switzerland, Iceland
- **Eastern Partnership**: EPF support to Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia
- **Western Balkans**: EPF support to Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Balkan Medical Task Force
- **Africa**: EPF support to the African Union's Peace Support Operations as well as armed forces of Mozambique, Mauritania and Niger
- **Indo-Pacific**: naval exercises between Operation Atalanta, India and Indonesia
- First **Schuman Security and Defence Forum** (20-21 March 2023)
- Expansion of the **networks of military advisors and counterterrorism experts** in EU Delegations

Work will continue to **deliver on the commitments and ambitions of the Strategic Compass** to allow the EU to become a **more assertive, credible and decisive security provider** for our citizens, our partners and the world.