

THE EUROPEAN PEACE FACILITY



In a more challenging global environment, the EU needs to enhance its ability to prevent conflicts and strengthen international peace and security. With the new European Peace Facility (EPF), the EU is taking on more responsibility as a global security provider.

INVESTING IN PEACE AND SECURITY

The EPF will **maximise the impact, effectiveness and sustainability** of overall EU external action in peace and security:



ensuring the availability of EU funding on a reliable and predictable basis



allowing for rapid crisis response and the provision of urgent assistance



providing long-term capacity building support to EU partners

€5 billion
(2021-2027)



The EPF is a **new fund worth €5 billion** financed outside the EU Budget for a period of seven years (2021-2027), which:



creates a **single instrument** to finance all Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) actions in military and defence areas;



replaces the Athena mechanism and the African Peace Facility, taking over the military and defence related aspects previously covered under those instruments.

EPF IN ACTION

The EPF closes a gap in the **EU's ability to provide military and defence assistance**, improving the capacities of partners to address crises, prevent conflicts and cater for their own security and stability– to the benefit of their population. With the EPF, the EU will:



fund the common costs of the military CSDP missions and operations;



support Peace Support Operations conducted by international and regional organisations, as well as partner countries around the world;



strengthen the capacities of third States and regional and international organisations relating to military and defence matters (e.g. providing military equipment for the armed forces or infrastructure for security purposes).

MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

The EPF includes measures to:

- ▶ **ensure an adequate risk assessment** and mitigating measures in compliance with international human rights law, international humanitarian law and EU arms export laws;
- ▶ **monitor the respect of international laws** and commitment by the beneficiary at country level and headquarters;
- ▶ **invite local civil society** to report on violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.

Assistance under the EPF can be suspended or terminated any time by the Council in case of infringement and/or abuse by the beneficiary.