

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

Civilian mission Mali EUCAP Sahel Mali

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EUCAP Sahel Mali is a European Union civilian crisis management Mission in Mali, with its Headquarters in the capital Bamako and a Mobile Unit in central Mali, Mopti-Sévaré.

The non-executive Mission was launched on 15 January 2015, following an official invitation by the Malian government, to assist the internal security forces in reasserting the State authority across the country vis-à-vis the various factions who challenged it following the 'Northern Mali Crisis' in 2012.

The Council subsequently renewed the mandate of EUCAP Sahel Mali in 2017, 2019 and 2021, adjusting the Mission's structure and activities to the evolving operational context and needs of its partners, and in line with the European regionalization approach in the Sahel region. On 11 January 2021, the Council extended the mandate of EUCAP Sahel Mali until 31 January 2023, allocating a budget of over €89 million for the two-year period.



In light of the ongoing challenges, the mission provides strategic advice, training and *accompagnement* to the Malian Police, Gendarmerie and National Guard and the relevant ministries.

In line with its CSDP regionalization approach in the Sahel since 2017, the European Union supports the enhanced cooperation between the G5 Sahel countries (Chad, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger) to achieve a common approach to regional challenges.

To this end, the Mission, through a Regional Advisory and Coordination Cell (RACC) based in Mauritania, supports regional and cross border cooperation in the Sahel and strengthens the national capacities of the G5 Sahel countries.

The New Mandate 2021-2023

Key priorities for the mission include supporting:

- Improved governance and the fight against impunity in the security forces
- The redeployment of internal security forces and return of the State and civil administration
- The transition authorities and internal security forces in securing elections scheduled for 2022. Improving their operational efficiency

FACTS AND FIGURES

Location: Republic of Mali - Bamako

3rd Mandate: until 31 January 2023

Head of Mission: Hervé Flahaut (France)

Staff: 132 Europeans and 48 Malians

Contributors: 19 Pays contributeurs : 16 pays UE + 3 pays tiers

Budget: 87.47 Millions EUR (2021-2023)



Line of Operation 1: Support to structural capacities

EUCAP Sahel Mali advises the Malian internal security forces and relevant departments to implement the security sector reform in Mali by:

- a human resources database
- an employment policy and staff management database
- a baseline for staffing
- a skills-based staff recruitment policy
- operational management methods to help restore hierarchical links
- audit and inspection units within the general forces inspectorate

Line of Operation 2: Strengthening of operational capacities

The Mission's experts support the operational capacities of their partners in multiple areas, including fight against terrorism and organized crime, border management, good governance, rule of law, fight against impunity, management and command, professional ethics, human rights and gender equality, intelligence techniques, professional intervention, forensic investigations, counter-terrorism and public order. The increased focus on "train the trainers" has contributed to enhancing the transfer-of skills and the national ownership of the training methodology.

Line of Operation 3: Strengthening of ethical standards of the internal security forces

The Mission supports the strengthening of ethical standards of the internal security forces, enhancing respect of human rights and gender balance, trust-building between security forces and the population, prevention of deviant behavior by internal security forces, inspection services and fight against impunity.

