In an era of increasing strategic competition between states and complex security threats, Europe’s security is at stake. The Strategic Compass provides answers for the EU to become a provider of security for its citizens, act faster and more decisively to protect our values and interests and contribute to international peace and security.

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The EU conducted for the first time a comprehensive analysis on key threats and challenges to the Union, its Member States and citizens, including global and regional threats, conflicts in our neighborhood by state and non-state actors.

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The Strategic Compass sets out a common strategic vision for EU security and defence:

- Improving the readiness of EU armed forces and civilian experts to reinforce CSDP missions and operations.
- Developing a European Union Rapid Deployment Capacity of up to 5000 troops supported by strategic enablers.
- Jointly investing in key military capabilities to operate on land, at sea, in the air, in the cyber domain and in outer space.
- Boosting research and innovation to fill strategic gaps and reduce technological and industrial dependencies.
- Strengthening our capacity to prevent, deter and respond to hybrid threats including external cyber-attacks and foreign information manipulation and interference.
- Safeguarding EU security interests in the maritime and space domains.
- Strengthening cooperation with NATO and the UN, as well as with OSCE, AU and ASEAN.
- Boosting cooperation with individual partners such as the US, Canada and Norway and other countries.