



EUROPEAN UNION RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The **EU Rapid Deployment Capacity** (RDC), enables the EU to respond quickly to different external crises and threats. Through the RDC, the EU can deploy a robust, flexible and scalable force of up to 5,000 troops in a swift manner, in response to various crises outside its borders.

The EU RDC is composed of EU Battlegroups committed by Member States and optional-binding modules, including land, air, maritime, space and cyber components.

The EU RDC can carry out and contribute to a variety of crisis management missions and operations, such as: stabilisation; rescue and evacuation; humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; peace enforcement; and conflict prevention and capacity building based on real-world contingency plans.

The Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) is the preferred command and control structure for the EU RDC, and for live exercises. It is ready to assume the role as the Operational Headquarters for the RDC.

The deployment of the EU RDC, as is the case for all EU military missions and operations, requires a unanimous decision of the EU Member States.



**Modified
EU Battlegroups**



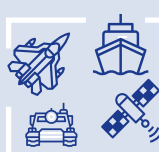
**Tailored force packages
including air, land,
maritime, space and cyber
components**



**Different levels of
operational readiness**



Longer stand-by periods



**Modules composed of
Member States military
forces and capabilities**



**Strategic enablers (e.g.
strategic airlift, space-
based communications,
medical assets, cyber
defence capabilities, ISR
capabilities)**



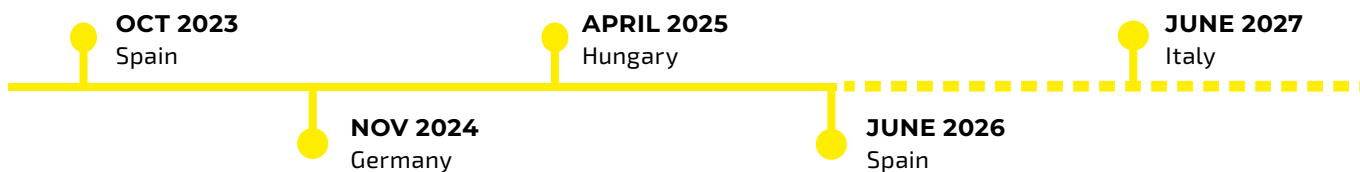
Allows tailoring the capacity to the mission



LIVE MILITARY EXERCISES (LIVEX)

In support of the preparation of the EU RDC, the EU conducts live military exercises (LIVEX), entailing the use of real assets from Member States.

To date, the EU has conducted four LIVEX, with the next planned for June 2027 in Italy:



BUILDING AN EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The EU Rapid Deployment Capacity benefit from the following elements:



KEY MILESTONES

