



# EUROPEAN UNION RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The European Union supports peace and stability in its neighbourhood and beyond. The EU needs to be able to react quickly, robustly and effectively to conflicts and crises outside its borders. To that end, the EU will develop a Rapid Deployment Capacity (EU RDC) consisting of up to 5,000 troops.

The EU Rapid Deployment Capacity can be swiftly deployed to respond to imminent threats and react to crisis situations. It can be tailored to different phases and scenarios, ranging from initial entry, to reinforcement or as a reserve force to secure an exit. The EU Rapid Deployment Capacity will be developed based on specific operational scenarios. The first two operational scenarios, on (1) initial phase of stabilization and (2) rescue and evacuation have been endorsed by the EU ministers of Defence on 15 November 2022.

The exact parameters of the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity, including its detailed tasks, composition, and financial aspects, will be further detailed by the end of 2022 with the aim to reach full operational capability by 2025.

## COMPOSITION



**Modified EU Battlegroups**



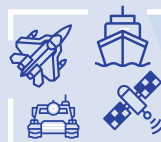
**Tailored force packages including air, land, maritime, space and cyber components**



**Different levels of operational readiness**



**Longer stand-by periods**



**Modules composed of available 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**





## BUILDING AN EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The new EU Rapid Deployment Capacity will benefit from the following elements:



## TOWARDS AN EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

