



# EU CRISIS MANAGEMENT MILITARY EXERCISE 2023 MILEX/LIVEX 23



The EU is becoming a stronger security and defence actor and a more capable security provider to contribute to international peace and security, protect EU citizens, values and interests, and to support its partners.

The EU has been carrying out crisis management military exercises since 2002 to test the effectiveness of military command structures and procedures. The Strategic Compass calls for the EU to conduct more regular exercises, including live exercises, which entail the use of joint military forces and capabilities of EU Member States.

## LIVEX: FIRST LIVE MILITARY EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Military Exercise 2023 (MILEX 23) is the **first EU level military crisis management exercise with a live exercise (LIVEX) component**. For the first time, military units, troops and personnel from **19 Member States** are testing together the EU's military readiness and capacity to respond more quickly and decisively to external conflicts and crises. More live exercises are expected to take place in 2024 and 2025.

**Designed Scenario:** The LIVEX will simulate the initial phase of a stabilisation operation. It will involve the preparation for an operation, an amphibious assault, securing and controlling the Seaport of Debarkation, followed by the insertion of land enablers to ensure a safe and secure environment.

### LIVEX forces and participation:



**31**  
Units



**25**  
Aircrafts



**6**  
Ships



**2,800**  
Personnel coming from EU Member States



MARITIME



AIR



LAND



SPECIAL OPERATIONS



SPACE ASSETS



CYBER CAPABILITIES



16 - 22 OCTOBER 2023



ROTA NAVAL BASE LOCATED IN CÁDIZ, SPAIN



## MILEX/LIVEX 23 IS ABOUT



### ENHANCING EU CRISIS MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

MILEX 23 integrates for the first time a live exercise (LIVEX) component. This initiative fosters a common strategic culture, crucial for effective crisis management.



### FOSTERING MEMBER STATES' INTEROPERABILITY

The EU uses common training and exercises of its military personnel to operationalise scenarios and validate its concepts, procedures and tactics. Stronger lines of communication among Member States foster cooperation and interoperability in the EU framework.



### STRENGTHENING EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The live component of MILEX is a significant milestone in the creation of the EU's Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC) and preparing the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) to become the EU's command and control structure. This exercise promotes cooperation among Member States and it will contribute to strengthen their joint preparedness to enable the EU to better respond to crises.



### EU'S COMMITMENT TO CITIZENS' SAFETY

The EU RDC stands as a robust, flexible, and scalable military instrument, vital for rapid response to crises outside the EU borders. It underscores the EU's commitment to protect its citizens and to contribute to international peace and security.

