

EU CRISIS MANAGEMENT MILITARY EXERCISE 2024 MILEX/LIVEX 24

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.

This year's EU exercise is MILEX 24. The focus of MILEX 24 is to increase the designated European Union Headquarters (EU HQs) ability to plan, command and control a CSDP military operation, as the second in four steps in the incremental operationalisation of the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity (EU RDC). In essence, MILEX 24 will be a Command Post Exercise (CPX) connected with an EU RDC Live Exercise (LIVEX) – Exercise EUROPEAN CHALLENGE 2024 (EUCH 24). The Operational Headquarters (OHQ) will once again be the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) in Brussels, while the Force Headquarters (FHQ) this year will be EUROCORPS in Strasbourg.

During the CPX, the MPCC will be augmented by key personnel from Member States.



PART 1 CPX 08 April to 03 May 2024 MPCC Brussels



LIVEX 26 November to 10 December 2024 Bergen, Germany

MILEX/LIVEX 24 IS ABOUT



ENHANCING EU CRISIS MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

MILEX 24 integrates for the second 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 the second in four steps in the incremental operationalisation of the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity (EU RDC) and preparing the MPCC to become the EU's command and control structure by 2025. 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.

