




THE MILITARY PLANNING AND CONDUCT CAPABILITY (MPCC)


The Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) was established on 8 June 2017 with the aim of enabling the EU to react in a faster, more efficient and effective manner as a security provider outside its borders. The MPCC is responsible for the operational planning and conduct of the EU's non-executive military missions. It now commands the EU Training Missions (EUTM) in Somalia and Central African Republic, the EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM) for Ukraine and the EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM) Mozambique. Finally, the military pillar of the EU Security and Defense Initiative Gulf of Guinea. Since 2025, it is the preferred Operations HQ for the Rapid Deployment Capacity.


ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MPCC


The establishment of the MPCC is part of the broader ongoing work to strengthen the EU's security and defense in line with the implementation of the Strategic Compass. The MPCC is a permanent command and control structure at the military strategic level. It was created in the broader framework of strengthening civil/military cooperation, and hence in line with the principle of avoiding unnecessary duplication with NATO. MPCC reports to the Political and Security Committee (PSC), and informs the EU Military Committee (EUMC).

The MPCC enhances the capacity of the EU to react faster and more efficiently to a conflict or crisis, where EU troops are deployed in close coordination with other Common Security and Defense Policy and EU actors in the respective country or region by:

- 

Providing unified command and direction to the different missions in the field
- 

Enabling the mission staff in the field to concentrate on the specific activities of their mission, with higher level support provided from Brussels to their security
- 

Working closely and on a continuous basis with civilian counterparts, most notably the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) through the Joint Support Coordination Cell (JSCC). This ensures maximum coordination of civilian and military synergies and sharing of expertise
- 

Contributing to an increased coherence of different EU actions on the ground in accordance with the EU integrated approach to external conflicts and crises

THE JOINT SUPPORT COORDINATION CELL (JSCC)

brings together civilian and military expertise at the strategic level to further strengthening civilian-military coordination and cooperation in the operational planning and conduct of CSDP missions.

CIVILIAN PLANNING AND CONDUCT CAPABILITY (CPCC)

is the EEAS Directorate serving as the Operational Headquarters for the civilian CSDP Missions.

MEETING THE STRATEGIC COMPASS REQUIREMENTS

In line with the EU Strategic Compass (2022) the MPCC is the preferred military strategic level C2 structure to function as the Operational Headquarter (OHQ) for the EU Battle Groups (BGs) and the EU Rapid Deployable Capacity (RDC). The MPCC is the preferred military strategic level C2 structure for the RDC.

The MPCC is able to plan and conduct:

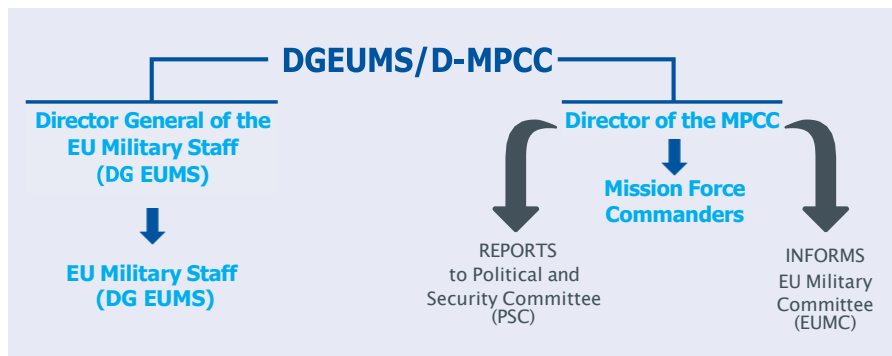
- ✓ all non-executive military missions
- ✓ two small scale or one medium-scale executive operation(s)
- ✓ live exercises

As a next step, we will also work to further expand our ability to plan and conduct additional non-executive missions and executive operations.

STRUCTURE OF THE MPCC

The MPCC reports to the Political and Security Committee (PSC), and informs the EU Military Committee (EUMC).

The Director General of the EU Military Staff (DG EUMS) serves equally as the Director of the MPCC and in that capacity has assumed operational command of all non-executive military Missions, exercising command and control over the current missions. The Missions Force Commanders act under the command of the Director of the MPCC and exercise military command authority in the Mission Areas.



THE EU'S MILITARY MISSIONS CURRENTLY CONDUCTED UNDER THE MPCC:



EUTM SOMALIA

was launched in 2010 and has ever since contributed to strengthening the Transitional Federal Government and the institutions of Somalia.



EUTM RCA

was launched in 2016 and it supports the Central African Republic government in the implementation of security sector reform in the country.



EUMAM MOZAMBIQUE

was launched in 2024 to provide training and support to the Mozambican armed forces to protect the civilian population and restore security in the Cabo Delgado province.



EUMAM UKRAINE

was launched the 15 Nov 2022 to tackle urgent and longer-term training needs that will strengthen Ukraine's efforts in defending its territorial integrity and ability to effectively conduct military operations in deterrence of Russia.



EUSDI GoG

was launched in 2023 to share expertise with the GoG states to help build a safer future..