



EU-AU PARTNERSHIP

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Peace, Security and Governance

At the 6th European Union - African Union Summit in 2022, leaders agreed on a renewed and enhanced cooperation for peace and security as part of a Joint Vision for 2030.

AREAS OF COOPERATION



Conflict prevention, mediation and early warning



AU-led Peace Support Operations (PSOs)



Counter-terrorism and preventing violent extremism



Rule of law, democratic governance and transitional justice



Maritime security, cyber resilience and hybrid threats



Protection of civilians and International Humanitarian Law



Youth and women in peace and security



Climate-security nexus

FLAGSHIP ACTIONS



EU-AU Political Dialogue

- » Annual meetings between the EU Political and Security Committee (PSC) and the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC)
- » Implementation of the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding on Peace, Security and Governance
- » Trilateral cooperation with the UN on conflict resolution and predictable peace operations financing



Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

- » 12 out of the 21 ongoing civilian and military missions and operations conducted under the EU Common Security and Defence Policy are currently ongoing in Africa.
- » About 2000 European military personnel, police officers and civil servants train, advise and support their African counterparts in the fight against terrorism, illicit trafficking and irregular migration
- » The EU's CSDP is engaged in the Horn of Africa, the Sahel, Gulf of Guinea, and Central (RCA) and Southern Africa (MOZ) via civilian and military missions and maritime operations.
- » The EU is rethinking its CSDP approach to adapt it to the new geopolitical realities, particularly in the Sahel (where the RACC will be transformed) and the Gulf of Guinea (where a light footprint CSDP mission (EUSDI) is deployed);
- » These efforts are guided by the principles of a "country-by-country approach" and "local demand-driven".
- » EUR 1+ billion via European Peace Facility (EPF) for African partners since the creation of the mid-2021.



European Peace Facility (EPF)

- » EUR 600M for AU-led PSOs (2022–2025)
 - AMISOM/ATMIS (Somalia)
 - MNJTF (Lake Chad)
 - G5 Sahel Joint Force
 - SADC Mission to Mozambique
- » EUR 358M bilateral EPF support to Ghana, Kenya, Somalia, DRC, Mozambique, Egypt, Benin and others



Governance & peacebuilding

- » EUR 114M to African Peace and Security Architecture
- » EUR 25M to African Governance Architecture including support to the African human rights architecture
- » EUR 25M to Early Response Mechanism for conflict mediation in South Sudan, Sudan, Ethiopia
- » Joint leadership of Group of Friends of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention at UN

WORKING JOINTLY



Counter-Terrorism

- » Global counter terrorism forum (GCTF), co-chaired by the EU with Egypt – focus on Africa
- » EU CT Experts in Algeria, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sahel-Ivory Coast, Tunisia
- » CT/PCVE Capacity building programmes and facilities in East Africa, Sahel and Gulf of Guinea



Cybersecurity

- » Cyber4Dev, Safe Digital Boost Africa (EUR 100M)
- » Joint AU–EU cyber dialogues, study visits, digital capacity-building



Maritime security & drug trafficking

- » EU coordinated maritime presences in Gulf of Guinea & Indian Ocean
- » Support to port security, maritime domain awareness and anti-narcotics cooperation
- » Combatting drug trafficking via EUROPOL and MAOC-N coordination



Transitional justice & democracy

- » Support to AU Transitional Justice Policy and civil society platforms
- » EUR 10M to strengthen AU electoral capacities (AUC, RECs, CSOs)
- » Annual AU–EU Human Rights Dialogue and transitional justice expert seminars

KEY FIGURES



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CSDP missions in Africa



€ 1.5bln

Total EU support for peace & security



over 80%

of non-Ukraine EPF support that goes to Africa



2,000+

EU staff deployed in Africa