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The EPF will **maximise the impact, effectiveness and sustainability** of overall EU external action in peace and security:

- **ensuring the availability of EU funding on a reliable and predictable basis**
- **allowing for rapid crisis response and the provision of urgent assistance**
- **providing long-term capacity building support to EU partners**

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(2021-2027)

The EPF is **a new fund worth €5 billion** financed outside the EU Budget for a period of seven years (2021-2027), which:

- creates a **single instrument** to finance all Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) actions in military and defence areas;
- replaces the Athena mechanism and the African Peace Facility, taking over the military and defence related aspects previously covered under those instruments.

**EPF IN ACTION**

The EPF closes a gap in the **EU’s ability to provide military and defence assistance**, improving the capacities of partners to address crises, prevent conflicts and cater for their own security and stability— to the benefit of their population. With the EPF, the EU will:

- **fund the common costs of the military CSDP missions and operations**;
- **support Peace Support Operations** conducted by international and regional organisations, as well as partner countries around the world;
- **strengthen the capacities of third States and regional and international organisations** relating to military and defence matters (e.g. providing military equipment for the armed forces or infrastructure for security purposes).

**MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE**

The EPF includes measures to:

- **ensure an adequate risk assessment** and mitigating measures in compliance with international human rights law, international humanitarian law and EU arms export laws;
- **monitor the respect of international laws** and commitment by the beneficiary at country level and headquarters;
- **invite local civil society** to report on violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.

Assistance under the EPF can be suspended or terminated any time by the Council in case of infringement and/or abuse by the beneficiary.