

BACKGROUND, FACTS AND FIGURES: THE EU ADVISORY MISSION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (EUAM RCA)

TYPE: EU Advisory Mission within the framework of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy

MANDATE: The Mission's mandate is to provide strategic advice to the CAR Ministry of Interior and Public Security and to the Internal Security Forces. Thus, the Mission supports the establishment of coherent and accountable security providers, under full national ownership. As per its current mandate, EUAM RCA is a civilian advisory mission with no executive powers. It does not replace the CAR authorities.

OBJECTIVES: The strategic objectives of EUAM RCA are according to the Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 of 9 December 2019 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) the following:

- to support the build-up of rule-based governance and management capacities within the Ministry for Interior and Public Security of the Central African Republic, in the design, implementation, build-up and monitoring of all relevant planning categories;
- to support the sustainable transformation of the Central African Republic's Internal Security Forces and their operational effective functioning and deployment;
- to assist in developing an integrated support to the Internal Security Forces of the Central African Republic through close coordination, ensuring unity of action and complementarity of efforts with the relevant actors.
- to establish a comprehensive situational picture through a dedicated Analytical Capacity, including in domains such as strategic communications and political-security developments.

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: Strengthening respect for human rights is a core principle of the Mission. In its work with the Internal Security Forces, EUAM RCA promotes international humanitarian law, human rights and fundamental freedoms. It promotes as well the protection of civilians, gender equality and the prohibition of discrimination. The Mission mainstreams gender aspects in its activities and supports the participation of women in peace and security as outlined in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS: The Mission's international cooperation partners are the EU Delegation in Bangui, the EU Military Training Mission in CAR, as well as the UN, UNPOL and the UN MINUSCA Mission. EUAM coordinates with other actors, with due respect to the EU institutional framework, and together they provide an integrated international support to the population and the national authorities.

COMMITMENT: The Headquarters of the Mission is in the capital Bangui. The authorised strength is 66 international staff. The Mission consists of strategic advisors and support staff. The initial budget for the Mission set up phase is €7.1 million.

HEAD OF MISSION: Paulo SOARES (Portugal)

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS:

Decision of the Political and Security Committee (CFSP) 2019/2189 of 17 December 2019 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1594802821878&uri=CELEX:32019D2189>

Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 of 9 December 2019 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1594802754202&uri=CELEX:32019D2110>

Translation Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status of the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1594895553556&uri=CELEX:22020A0708\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1594895553556&uri=CELEX:22020A0708(01))

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