



**MALI**  
**EU TRAINING MISSION**  
**MALI (EUTM Mali)**



<b>TYPE</b>	Military mission to contribute to the training and advice of the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF)
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	EUTM Mali trains, educates and advises the MaAF under the control of legitimate civilian authorities, in order to contribute to the restoration of their military capacity. This will better enable them to contribute to maintaining a safe and secure environment within their national borders and, working with G5 Sahel partners across the region, to reduce the threat posed by terrorist groups.
<b>MANDATE</b>	At the request of the Malian Government, and on the basis of UN resolutions, in particular UN Security Council Resolution 2085, the Member States of the European Union agreed to participate in a mission to train the Malian armed forces. Established in February 2013 under the framework of the EU Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP), the European Union approved EUTM Mali's third Mandate, which will last until May 2018. The strategic direction for Mandate Three places greater emphasis on leader education, and the provision of operational advice to the headquarters staff of the military regions. Consequently, the mission area was extended northwards towards the river Niger loop and now includes the municipalities of Gao and Timbuktu.
<b>COMMITMENT</b>	EUTM Mali is not an 'executive mission', that is to say, the 580 deployed servicemen and women do not participate in combat activities and do not accompany the Malian units in operational zones. EUTM Mali will progressively move from initially centralised activities and advice, towards a more decentralised approach in the regions, enabling the MaAF to increasingly take responsibility for a military owned education and training system and for the lead in achieving the aim of a successful reform process. The Mission provides support to the G5 Sahel process within the activities of EUTM Mali in support of the MaAF, by contributing to enhancing coordination and interoperability with G5 Sahel national armed forces. Currently 27 countries are participating in the mission. The mission is led by Belgium.
<b>HEAD OF MISSION</b>	since 12 July 2017 Brigadier general Bart Laurent (Belgium)
<b>TRAINING CONCEPT</b>	In order to facilitate a transition to autonomous MaAF training in the future, EUTM Mali concentrates on a gradual "Train the Trainer" and "Monitor the Trainer" approach focusing on Malian Armed Forces leaders mainly in the military region headquarters garrisons, Malian military schools or at the training centre in Koulikoro. Malian ownership instead of dependency must be the ultimate goal for the future.
<b>EDUCATION CONCEPT</b>	Soldiers have to have confidence in their leaders. Professional knowledge and basic leadership skills are necessary elements for young and future leaders to

	acquire. Therefore education and training of both elements is crucial. EUTM Mali aims to support the Malian military education system by adding leadership packages into the officer and non-commissioned officer school's curriculum and enhancing the operational skills of the Malian instructors, in order to improve the authority, legitimacy, actions and behaviour of each MaAF leader. The main focus lies on tactical knowledge, methodology, training planning process and International Humanitarian Law.
<b>ADVISORY CONCEPT</b>	EUTM Mali provides advice at both strategic and regional level, to the Ministry of Defence, MaAF authorities and to military region headquarters in support of the implementation of the structural reforms encompassed in the Defence Programming Law.
<b>POLITICAL CONTROL AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION</b>	Under the responsibility of the Council of the European Union and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) exercises the political control and strategic direction of any CSDP mission. The PSC, at regular intervals, receives opinions and reports regarding the conduct of the military mission, and reports to the Council of European Union.
<b>MILITARY DIRECTION</b>	The Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC), being the command authority of the mission, monitors at the strategic military level the execution of the EU military mission conducted by the Mission Force Commander
<b>FACTS &amp; FIGURES (August 2017)</b>	<p><b>Head of mission (12 July 2017):</b> Brigadier general Bart Laurent (Belgium)</p> <p><b>Mission strength:</b> 576</p> <p><b>Contributing states:</b> 27 (23 EU members + 4 non EU members)</p> <p>Malian armed forces (MaAf) students in total 10280</p> <p>GTIA (Groupement Tactique Interarmes) trained 8</p> <p>GTIA retrained 5</p> <p>ETIA (Elément Tactique Interarmes) trained 6</p> <p>CMATT (Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams) conducted 6</p> <p>Company Commanders' courses 4</p> <p>Train the trainers courses 9</p> <p>G5 Sahel LNO courses 3</p> <p>Sniper courses 6</p> <p>Indirect Fire (Mortar, Artillery, Tactical Air Control Party) courses 8</p> <p>Logistic courses 3</p> <p>Medical courses 4</p> <p>DSM Platoon training 2</p> <p>Engineer courses 7</p> <p>Leadership &amp; education team (LET) interventions in military schools 4</p> <p>Counter-IED courses and Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law</p>
<b>DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p><b>EUTM Mali presented on YouTube:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmQo4_sjuZo&amp;t=145s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmQo4_sjuZo&amp;t=145s</a></p>