EU TRAINING Mission Mali (EUTM Mali)

MISSION (5th Mandate -5M-):
EUTM Mali will deliver advice to the MoD and MaAF authorities and staff, and military education and training to the MaAF, IOT support the Malian authorities to reach a self-sustainable MaAF able to contribute to the defence of the Malian territory and to the protection of the Malian population. And will deliver advice, education and training to the G5S Joint Force to support its operationalization and support the national armed forces of the G5 Sahel countries.

TYPE: Military mission to contribute to the training and advice of the Malian Armed Forces, and to the operationalization of the G5S JF.

STARTING DAY: 18 May 2020
MANDATE END: 18 May 2024
STRENGTH (5M): 867 Pax (current)

MHQ Location: MPCC (Belgium)
MCdr: Vice Admiral BLEJEAN (FRA)
MFHQ Location: Bamako (Mali)
MFCdr: BG Jochen DEUER (DEU)

MS CONTRIBUTING: 22 (AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI).

PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING: 3 (GE, ME MD) RS, CH also accepted by PSC but currently not contributing

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS: ES CZ DE

MISSION AREA: Mali and G5 Sahel states
OPERATION BUDGET: Reference amount for the 5th Mandate (4 years-period) €133,7

MANDATE:
At the request of the Malian Government, and based on 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 Defence Policy (CSDP).
Mandate 5 was politically approved 23 March 2020 and will last 4 years (18 MAY 2024) with an intermediate evaluation. Some significant changes compared to mandate 4. In mandate 5; the Mission Area will be extended to the whole of Mali, the operational advice to HQ's and command posts especially in the centre of Mali (Mopti and Segou region) will be reinforced; strengthening of collective and pre-deployment training including non-executive accompaniment at secured locations. Although the focus will remain on Mali, the 5th mandate gives room for increasing G5 Sahel Joint Force support (including pre-deployment training, (PDT)), for the three Sector HQ's in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mauritania. Furthermore, EUTM Mali will contribute to the PDT of G5S JF with priority for sector Centre (Burkina Faso-Niger).

ACHIEVEMENTS:
- EUTM-Mali has provided training to more than 15.000 Malian armed forces (MaAF) students.
- Decentralised activities: EUTM Mali has performed 23 CMATT (Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams) and 5 MRAA (Military Region Advice Activity) in the MaAF Military Regions.
- EUTM-Mali has provided numerous centralised courses at the Koulikoro Training Camp (KTC).
- Counter-IED, First Aid and Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law included in all courses.
- EUTM provides different courses for G5 Sahel Joint Force staff. Most recently a PDT of G5S JF Mandate 4 personnel was finalized.

STATE OF PLAY AND WAY AHEAD:
With the establishment of the Council of National Transition a new step is set in the direction of new elections (expected for February 2022). In line with mandate 5 the decentralized activities increased and were intensified. Since July 21 a Theatre Rotary Wing capacity (ESP) is available.

WAY FORWARD
With more resources available more decentralized activities can be provided, as requested by the MaAF. The first training in Burkina Faso is accomplished some more are requested by the Armed Forces of NIGER. Rebasing activities to an interim and permanent location are ongoing.