

EU Training Mission Mali (EUTM Mali)



MISSION (5th Mandate Rev 1):

EUTM Mali will focus the activities in support to MaAF within the Mission Area and until the end of Mandate 5 on strategic advice and education only. All operational and non-operational activities are temporarily and reversibly suspended while maintaining the capacity to resume when conditions are met and PSC so decides, in order to support the creation of sustainable and capable armed forces under democratic control and in line with international standards. EUTM Mali will also deliver military assistance within means and capabilities to Burkina Faso and Niger and to the G5S JF and G5S armed forces in order to support their operationalisation. MATF GAZELLE continues to provide support to Niger armed forces until mid-December 2022.

MHQ Location: MPCC (Brussels-Belgium)
MCdr: Vice Admiral Herve BLEJEAN (FR)
MFHQ Location: Bamako (Mali)
MFCdr: BG Radek HASALA (CZ)

TYPE:

Military mission to provide training, education and advice of the MaAF and to the operationalization of the G5S JF.

STARTING DAY: 18 May 20

MANDATE END: 18 May 24

MS CONTRIBUTING:

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

PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING:

3 (GE, MD, ME)

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS:

ES
CZ

MISSION AREA:

Mali and G5 Sahel countries

OPERATION BUDGET:

Reference amount for the 5th Mandate (4 years-period) 133,7 M €

MANDATE:

Following a request of the Malian Government and based on UNSCR 2085 EU MS agreed on the establishment of a military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces. Council Decision 2013/34/CFSP in January 2013 created EUTM Mali under the framework of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy. Follow-on Council decisions evolved EUTM Mali towards its current nature. Mandate 5 was politically approved on 23 March 2020 and extended the mission until 18 May 2024. It expressed a more ambitious approach, notably the extension to G5S countries and a significant increase in resources. In May 2022 a mid-term Strategic Review (SR) took place that resulted in significant adaptations, notably reductions of personnel and activities. A revised MPLAN received PSC approval in October.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Provision of training to more than 18.000 MaAF students.
- Decentralised activities: Performance of 23 CMATT (Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams) and 5 MRAA (Military Region Advice Activity) in the MaAF Military Regions.
- Conduct of numerous centralised courses at the Koulikoro Training Centre (KTC).
- Conduct of Train-the-Trainer courses for Malian Mobile Training Teams.
- Conduct of advisor activities benefitting the Ministry of Defence, General Staff and Military Regions.
- Provision of training and advice to G5S Joint Force HQ staff.
- Conduct of training activities in Niger through the integration of MATF GAZELLE since August 2021.
- Conduct of first activities in support of the Burkinabe Defence Sector in 2021.

STATE OF PLAY AND WAY AHEAD:

After closely monitoring the transitional process and other developments in Mali the PSC concluded on 05 April inter alia to temporarily and reversibly suspend operational training activities that benefit formed units of the MaAF and most EPF Assistance Measures. The training program and course catalogue were adjusted accordingly. PSC approval on the mid-term SR in June led to the temporary suspension of all operational trainings for individuals and/or formed units. Furthermore the MaAF announced to take responsibility over all courses listed in the EUTM Mali training catalogue from 01 August onwards. The mission continues inter alia to provide strategic advice to the MoD/GS on specific structural domains, conducts activities at Malian Military Schools, coordinates further activities with Burkina Faso and Niger and supports G5S JF. Following PSC MPLAN approval in mid-Oct significant adaptations to manning levels, activities, tasks and layout (Bamako-centric) are being implemented.