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## 2013-2024



**More than 11 years in Mali**





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# INTRODUCTION

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At the request of the Malian Government and based on United Nations resolutions, in particular the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2085, EUTM Mali was launched on 18 February 2013. EUTM Mali was mandated to assist the Malian Armed Forces in restoring their military capacity through of the provision of training, advice, non – executive accompaniment and military assistance.

The mission supported the Malian authorities to reach self-sustainable Malian Armed Forces capable of conducting military operations to restore Malian territorial integrity and reduce the threat posed by terrorist groups.



Following the European's Union Strategic Review process for EUTM Mali, an European Union Council decision expanded the scope of EUTM Mali's mandate to all five Sahel countries, to support with advice and training their respective defence sectors/National Armed Forces and all five Sahel countries Joint Force, strengthening regional cooperation to address common security threats, including terrorism and illegal trafficking, especially of human beings.



Over more than 11 years, EUTM Mali delivered strength and professionalism, providing training and international expertise, building up a reliable partnership with the Malian Armed Forces and the national Armed Forces of all five Sahel countries.





Along with the training mission, EUTM Mali helped with donations and aid to the people of Mali in their quest for a better tomorrow.



The task was not easy and required sacrifices. Two soldiers paid the ultimate price for a better Mali, OR7 (PRT) Gil Fernando Paiva Benido and OR4 (ESP) Antonio Carrero Jiménez.

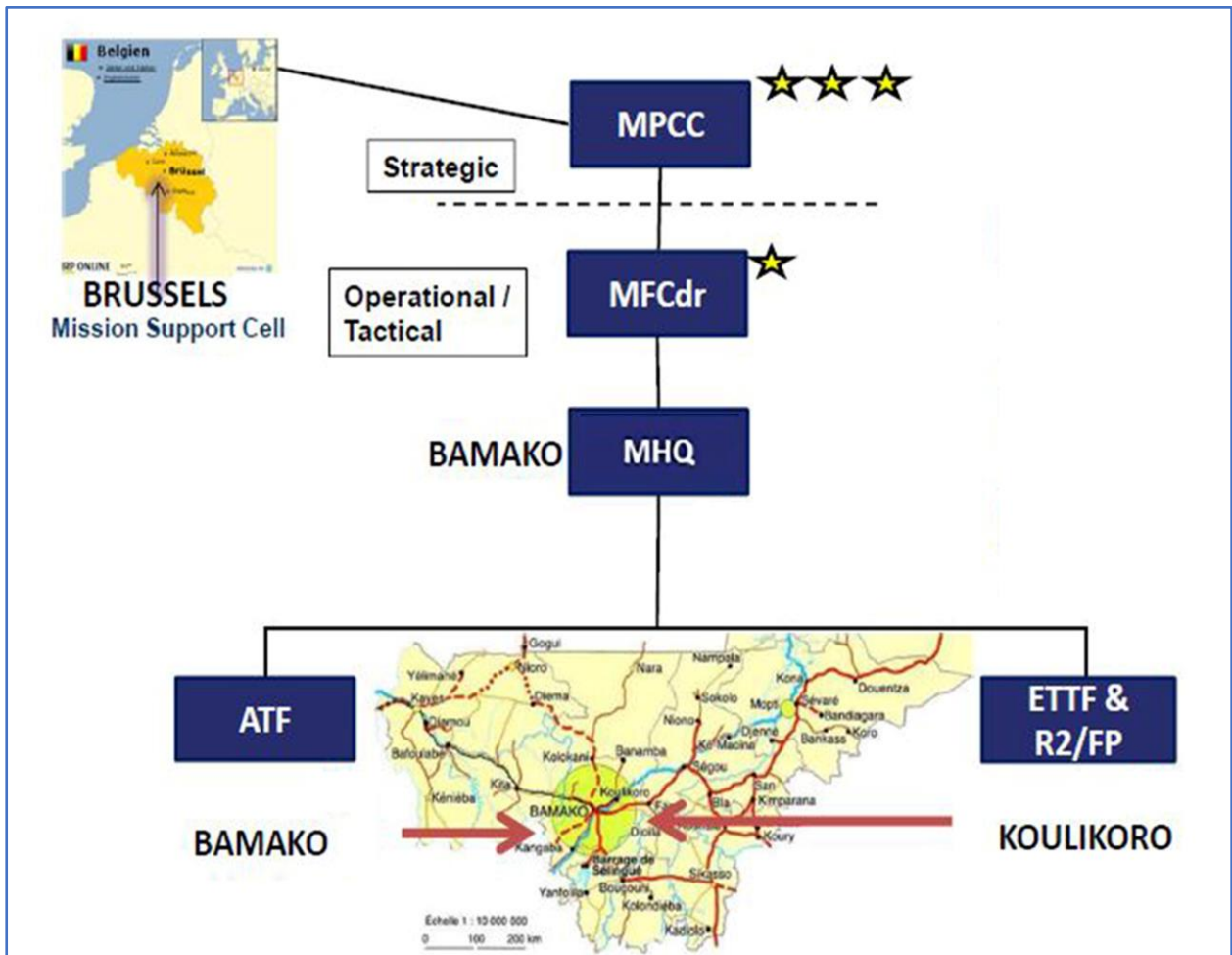


# COMPOSITION

EUTM Mali was composed of the Headquarters situated in Bamako, the Advisory Task Force, and the Educational and Training Task Force.

The Advisory Task Force was also located in Bamako and was responsible for advising and training the personnel on the strategic and operational level. It also provided advice and training to the headquarters of all five Sahel countries Joint Force, helping to consolidate and improve its operational capabilities.

The Educational and Training Task Force unit, based at the Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy, provided training to Malian Armed Forces units and supported training at the Military Education Centers to improve the leadership and operational management skills of Malian soldiers.



On 01 January 2023, following the severe reduction of the training activities, Education Training Task Force and Advisory Task Force personnel were merged into the newly established Education and Advisory Task Force, co-located with the headquarters in Bamako.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Through a wide catalogue of courses and training modules, trainers and experts from the European Union and its partners have supported the continued development of the Malian Armed Forces and all the five Sahel countries joined forces, from the skills of the individual soldiers to units training and operational command, being able to achieve, despite COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021 and the temporary suspension of the operational training activities from 2022 onwards, the following goals:

- Provision of training to some 20.000 Malian Armed Forces trainees.
- Decentralized activities: Performance of 26 Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams and 5 Military Region Advice Activity in the Military Regions.
- Conduct of numerous centralized courses at the Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- Conduct of Train-the-Trainer courses for Malian Mobile Training Teams.
- Conduct of advisory activities benefitting the Ministry of Defence, General Staff and Military Regions.
- Provision of training and advice to all the five Sahel countries.
- Provision of training and education to the national Armed Forces of all the five Sahel countries.





## EUTM Mali MANDATES

### ▪ FIRST MANDATE (2013-2014)

The First Mandate of EUTM Mali was approved by Council Decision 2013/34/CFSP of 17 January 2013. Article 1 defined the mission, which is summarised in the following points:

The Union shall conduct a military training mission (EUTM Mali), to provide, in the South of Mali, military and training advice to the Malian Armed Forces operating under the control of legitimate civilian authorities, in order to contribute to the restoration of their military capacity with a view to enabling them to conduct military operations aiming at restoring Malian territorial integrity and reducing the threat posed by terrorist groups. EUTM Mali shall not be involved in combat operations.

The objective of EUTM Mali shall be to respond to the operational needs of the Malian Armed Forces through the provision of:

- Training support for the benefit of the Malian Armed Forces
- Training and advice on command and control, logistical chain and human resources, as well as training on International Humanitarian Law, protection of civilians and Human Rights.
- The activities of EUTM Mali shall be conducted in close coordination with other actors involved in the support to the Malian Armed Forces, in particular the United Nations and the Economic Community of West African States.
- The document expressly stated the end of the mandate 15 months after the start of the mission.



## ▪ SECOND MANDATE (2014-2016)

The approval of Council Decision 2014/220/CFSP of 15 April 2014 triggered the Second Mandate of EUTM Mali, without significant variations except for its extension until 18 May 2016.



## ▪ THIRD MANDATE (2016-2018)

The Third Mandate began with the adoption of Council Decision 2016/446/CFSP of 23 March 2016. This new mandate increased the mission's sphere of responsibility in 3 key areas:

- It extended the area of responsibility up to the southern bank of the Niger River, including the cities of Timbuktu and Gao.
- It began support, through decentralised training activities to the Units and Headquarters of the Military Regions.
- It began to support for all five Sahel countries, in the framework of activities with the Malian Armed Forces, improving its interoperability with the rest of the armies that make up all five Sahel countries Joint Force.

Finally, this decision extended the mission until 18 May 2018.



- **FOURTH MANDATE (2018-2020)**

On 14 May 2018 the Fourth Mandate was launched, as approved by Council Decision 2018/716/CFSP of 14 May. Under this new mandate, support for all five Sahel countries has been strengthened through training and advisory activities, while extending the mission until 18 May 2020.



- **FIFTH MANDATE (2020-2024)**

The approval of Council Decision 2020/434/PESC of 23 March 2020 extended the mandate of the European Union Training Mission in Mali until 18 May 2024. This was the first time that the mandate has been extended for a period of four years. The Mission's area of operations was expanded comprising the whole of Mali. Additionally, the Council also authorized the extension of EUTM Mali's area of operations to provide military assistance to all five Sahel countries. The Council also provided an increased indicative budget to the mission.

In mid-2022, the Mandate 5 was revised, focusing EUMT Mali activities in support to Malian Armed Forces within the Mission Area and until the end of Mandate 5 on strategic advice and education only. All operational and non-operational activities were temporarily and reversibly suspended while maintaining the capacity to resume when conditions were met, subject to the decision of the Political and Security Council. EUTM Mali also delivered military assistance within means and capabilities to all the five Sahel countries joined forces and all the five Sahel countries Armed Forces to support their operationalization.







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**EUTM Mali OVER THE YEARS**

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**YEAR**  
**2013**





## MAIN EVENTS

- **17 January:** Foundation of EUTM Mali and designation of Brigadier General Lecointre as Mission Force Commander (Mission Force Commander). To complete the legal aspect of the mission it was also necessary to give legal status to the European forces stationed in Mali. A legal advisor initiated negotiations with the Malian authorities on a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).
- **08 February:** Arrival of the first EUTM Mali soldiers. Composed of about 70 people from 6 countries, this team must, in liaison with the Malian authorities, take stock of the situation of the Malian Armed Forces. In order to prepare the mission of expertise and advice to the chain of command and prepare, from Bamako, the establishment of the staff and the arrival of EUTM trainers.

At the same time, the process of force generation continues to supply the last necessary personnel and equipment. Many Member States have already offered contributions to meet most of the needs. It is up to them to continue their discussions and make the necessary adjustments as soon as possible, to allow the launch of the EUTM Mali mission.<sup>1</sup>

- **18 February:** Council Decision 2013/87/CFSP was adopted, launching officially the EUTM Mali, which was immediately activated in Brussels.
- **20 February:** Official start of EUTM Mali in Bamako.
- **23 February:** Arrival of the first EUTM trainers. There are now 426 European soldiers (19 different nations represented) assigned to EUTM Mali and deployed in a headquarters (24), an operational training detachment (193), a force protection (160) and a Role 2 (49).
- **18 June:** A ceasefire and preliminary agreement on a Malian presidential election and inclusive peace negotiations was signed in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- **01 August:** Handover-takeover ceremony. French General Bruno Guibert took-over EUTM Command from French General François Lecointre.

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<sup>1</sup> [Advance party of EUTM Mali arrives in Bamako \(youtube.com\)](#)



Takeover ceremony speech. Bamako.

- **19 September:** Visit of Czech Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr Stropnický).
- **23 September:** Visit of French Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr Le Drian).
- **01 October:** Visit of Belgium Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr De Crem).
- **02 December:** 1<sup>st</sup> reform meeting chaired by the Ministry of Defence.
- **09 December:** Creation of the project cell in Advisor Task Force, European Union council decision.
- **16 December:** Visit of Spanish Chief of Defence Admiral Fernando García Sánchez to EUTM Mali.
- **28 December:** Visit of Belgium Chief of Defence General Van Caelenberge to EUTM Mali.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **18 February-18 March:** An Advance Liaison Task Force was deployed and led an initial audit which was essential to the success of a reorganization mission. The audit admitted by the Ministry's authorities focus on 5 lines of operations:
  - L1: Provide a general framework and strengthen structures.
  - L2: Reinforcing the operational command.
  - L3: Allowing real Malian Armed Forces operational preparation.
  - L4: Rationalizing human resources.
  - L5: Logistic Support strengthening.



Ceremony end of training Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **02 April-11 June:** Groupement tactique interarmes WARABA started its 10-week training in Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. It Will be the first of 8 Groupement tactique interarmes. Each battalion has 700 to 720 men and 60 to 80 vehicles. It is organized into 1 commando unit (the size of a section, 36 men), 1 armoured squadron (about fifty men and up to ten Armoured Personnel Carrier BTR-60PB, 3 infantry companies (140 men with several infantry sections and a combat support section equipped with Heavy Antitank Grenade Launcher "Spear" recoilless guns and 60 mm M57 Croatian mortars), 1 engineer company, 1 artillery battery (with Grad-2M monotube rocket launchers) and finally, 1 support and logistics company (80 men). The light armament is composed of various variants of Kalashnikov assault rifles, light machine guns PKM, and the versatile anti-tank rocket launcher Rocket-propelled grenades -7.



Instructor and trainer in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **08 July-14 September:** Groupement tactique interarmes 2 ELOU (Éléphants) carried out its training in Koulikoro. Based on 81<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment and commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Samaké, the Groupement tactique interarmes is manned by 700 soldiers from Sikasso Region. It is composed of three infantry companies, reinforced with specialized support units (an armoured squadron, an artillery battery, a logistics company and an engineering section).



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



- **30 September-07 December:** Groupement tactique interarmes 3 SIGUI (Buffalo) carried out its training in Koulikoro. Two Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft from the French Serval force took part in the exercise, as part of the evaluation of the battalion team tactical air control patrol.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.





**YEAR**  
**2014**



## MAIN EVENTS

- **January:** Groupement tactique interarmes 2 ELOU starts conducting operations Est of Kidal along with Serval Forces.
- **February:** Groupement tactique interarmes 3 SIGUI elements start operating in the vicinities of Tessalit.
- **06 February:** Visit of German Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mrs Ursula Von Der Layen).
- **27 February:** Visit of French Chief of Defence to EUTM Mali (General Pierre de Villiers).
- **01 April:** French General Marc Rudkiewicz took-over EUTM Command.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako

- **18 May:** Beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandate.
- **July:** Redeployment of the French operation Serval and replacement by the widely focused Barkhane forces.
- **09 October:** Visit of Swedish Chief of Defence, General Sverker Goranson, to EUTM Mali.

- **24 October:** Visit of French and Spanish Minister of Defence, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian FRA and Mr. Pedro Morenés Eulate, to EUTM Mali.



Spanish Ministry of Defence. Koulikoro

- **13 December:** Visit of Spanish Chief of Defence, Admiral Fernando García Sánchez, to EUTM Mali.
- **21 December:** Visit of Belgium Chief of Defence, Mr Steven Vandeput, and Minister of Defence, General Gerard van Calenberge, to EUTM Mali.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **08 January-18 March:** Groupement tactique interarmes 4 BALAZAN carried out its training after a 12-week course in Koulikoro training camp. The Groupement tactique interarmes is named after a holy tree from Ségou region, from which are originally most of the soldiers. They would be sent to the north after a two week break to fight along with Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali and Barkhane Forces. 200 European instructors took part on this training.



Ceremony end of training Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **20 January-27 March:** The pilot Train the Trainers' Course was carried out. The objective of this course was to improve the ability of Malian commanders to instruct and train their soldiers and units during the preparation cycles. At the end of the course, they achieved new methodological and pedagogical techniques for the instruction of basic military skills and the handling of weapons. 14 officers and Non-commissioned officer graduated. The trainees took part in the Groupement tactique interarmes 4 training along with the EUTM instructors.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



Instructor and trainer in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



- **03 March-13 June:** The first Combat River Crossing Training is carried out. The course aims to train Malian units to Company level, it's delivered by 50 EUTM instructors mainly German pontoniers. The course took place in Bapho 250 km away from Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **31 March-02 May:** Groupement tactique interarmes 1 WARABA was retrained in Kati and Koulikoro by EUTM training team.
- **05 May-22 August:** Groupement tactique interarmes 5 DEBO completed its training. 610 personnel undertook an updated program. The aim of the course was to prepare the Groupement tactique interarmes to carry out security tasks. The training was delivered by EUTM in close collaboration with Malian Armed Forces. The training was accomplished in Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy and Kati.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **06 August:** First General Staff course. As part of the mandated support training activities, several Train the Trainers courses were delivered to increase professionalism and competence of Malian Armed Forces through the provision of self-sustaining training capabilities.
- **16 June-16 July:** Train the Trainers for École Militaire Interarmes was carried out in Koulikoro. The course was conducted for 8 malian École Militaire Interarmes instructors and delivered by EUTM instructors. Lessons learned from this course will be incorporated into subsequent Train the Trainers activities.



First Train the Trainers for Company Commanders Course. Koulikoro.

- **17-29 August:** A Malian trainer's course for Malian Armed Forces was carried out in Koulikoro. Addressed to 9 future trainers of company commander course and 21 Non-Commission Officers school and delivered by EUTM instructors.
- **01 September-17 November:** First Train the Trainers for Company Commanders Course is carried out in Koulikoro. The aim of this course was to train future Company Commanders and provide them with essential knowledge of command at company level. The course was addressed to 20 potential Company Commanders, they would be later assigned to Groupement tactique interarmes 6 and 7. The course was delivered by an integrated team of EUTM and Malian Armed Forces instructors.
- **29 September-17 November:** Retraining for Groupement tactique interarmes 2 ELOU is carried out. The aim of the retraining is to consolidate capabilities based upon identified lessons learned from Waraba retraining.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **24 November-08 December:** Pre-training was addressed to commanders of Groupement tactique interarmes 6, next Groupement tactique interarmes to be trained in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. Platoon leaders and above were given a package of training designed to familiarize them with the code of conduct and standards.
- **24 November-26 February 2015:** The Train the Trainers 2 started in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy and ran in parallel with the training of Groupement tactique interarmes 6. The Train the Trainers 2 students were embedded within EUTM Mali Training teams. As the Groupement tactique interarmes progressed the Train the Trainers course became more proficient.
- **08 December-21 February 2015:** Groupement tactique interarmes 6 AL FAROUK ended its training. The Groupement tactique interarmes was composed about of 610 elements, most of them native from the 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region. The training was delivered by several instructor teams. Most of the training was carried out in Koulikoro.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.



**YEAR**  
**2015**



## MAIN EVENTS

- **21 February:** Loi d’Orientation et Programation Militaire is approved at the parliament in Bamako. This would be the focus of the first half of 2015. This law must be considered a successful collaboration between senior Malian Armed Forces staff and the EUTM Advising Pillar. The loi d’orientation et programmation militaire is the backbone of reform and a roadmap for the future Malian Armed Forces.
- **05 March:** Czech Chief of Defence (General Petr Pavel) visit EUTM Mali.
- **07 March:** Terrorist attack on La Terrasse restaurant. A masked gunman opened fire at La Terrasse bar, killing a French national, a Belgian security official working for the European Union and three Malians
- **19 March:** Irish Minister of Defence visited EUTM Mali (Mr Simon Coveney).
- **05 May:** Swedish Chief of Defence visited EUTM Mali (General Sverker Goranson).
- **15 May:** Malian government signed the formal “agreement for peace and reconciliation” with the Platform bloc in Bamako, without the presence of the touraeg self-determined “Mouvement National liberation de l`Azawad”.
- **29 June:** The United Nations Security Council renewed the Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali mandate for another year.
- **27-28 July:** German, Spanish and Austrian Minister of Defence visited EUTM Mali (Ms Ursula Von Der Leyen, Mr Pedro Morenés and Mr Gerald Klug).



German Minister of Defence visiting Koulikoro.

- **04 August:** Estonian Minister of Defence visited EUTM Mali (Mr Sven Mikser).
- **15 September:** Visit of Malian President to EUTM Mali Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **28 September:** Malian Chef d’État-Major des Armées visited EUTM Mali (Major General Mahamane Touré).

- 20 November:** On the morning 2 men attacked the Radisson Blu, a hotel frequented by Western visitors. The attackers, wearing Western clothing and armed with AK-47 assault rifles and hand grenades, moved from floor to floor of the hotel, shooting innocent victims as they progressed. Security forces responded to the scene and both attackers were ultimately killed. The attack resulted in the deaths of 20 victims. EUTM members and facilities would experience an increase in security measures due to these events.



Radisson Hotel main gate. Bamako.

- 04 November:** The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Defence Chiefs of Staff of all five Sahel countries is held in Ouagadougou. The participants signed a military partnership in crossing border cooperation of all five Sahel countries Armed Forces.
- 20 November:** All five Sahel countries Heads of States called for the creation of a Regional Military Academy for all five Sahel countries in Mauritania and the creation of a Joint force of all five Sahel countries.
- 30 November:** Spanish Minister of Defence visited EUTM Mali (Mr Pedro Morenés Eulate).



Closing ceremony Groupement tactique interarmes 6. Koulikoro.



## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **08 December 2014-21 February:** Groupement tactique interarmes 6 AL FAROUK ended its training. The Groupement tactique interarmes had about 610 elements, most of them native from 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region. The training was delivered by several instructor teams. Most of the training was carried out in Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **16 March-29 April:** Decentralized re-training of Groupement tactique interarmes 4 was accomplished in Ségou Area. The objective was to consolidate Groupement tactique interarmes 4 previous training in Koulikoro. 90% of the Groupement tactique interarmes attended the training.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **16 March-15 May:** A combat river crossing team course was conducted for the benefit of Groupement tactique interarmes 4. It was addressed to 1<sup>st</sup> Malian Armed Forces combat river crossing team platoon and delivered by a German training team in Bapho. The platoon managed to operate the Military Load Class 50 ponton ferry system, enhancing manoeuvrability and contributing to the strategic intent of delivering Armed Forces capabilities to secure the integrity of the national territory.
- **07 April:** Training of the first cadets at the Military Academy was carried out. During this course, with support and guidance from École Militaire Interarmes faculty, 173 cadets from the three years of École Militaire Interarmes and the special cycle, successfully completed the course. It was delivered by 56 trainers of the Education and Training Task Force. This is the first time that this course is fully performed at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.

- **18 May-31 July:** Train the Trainers 3 started in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. It was addressed to 37 students (officer cadets, support weapons instructors and Non-commissioned officers) and delivered by EUTM training teams.



Instructor and trainers in the Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro.

- **July:** A support Weapons Instructors’ Course was delivered to develop autonomous Malian Armed Forces training capability in the tactical employment of machine guns and mortars.
- **31 August-28 September:** Retraining of the Groupement tactique interarmes 5 BULK was accomplished. It was addressed to 513 soldiers and delivered by EUTM instructors.



Closing ceremony Groupement tactique interarmes. Koulikoro

- **31 August-12 December:** EUTM conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company Commanders' Course. This course was estimated as high value training ("flag ship"), to influence future Malian military leaders.
- **05 October-06 November:** Retraining of Groupement tactique interarmes 3. It was mainly addressed to Combat Support Company (136 soldiers). At the same time Groupement tactique interarmes 3 units remained on operations. The training was at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **12 October-11 December:** Groupement tactique interarmes 7 is trained as a mixed battalion. It was composed of 2 Infantry Companies, one Gendarmerie Company and one Engineer platoon. It was addressed to 461 soldiers (majority from Bamako/Koulikoro and Kayes) 69% of them with combat experience. The Groupement tactique interarmes would receive their combat mission order during the training and had to reduce it from 12 to 9 weeks.
- **02 November:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Weapons instructor's course. Rocket-propelled grenades, heavy and medium machinegun, and mortars. The course was addressed to 40 Malians Non-commissioned officers.



Heavy weapons instructor course. Kati.





**YEAR**  
**2016**





## MAIN EVENTS

- **19 January:** Visit of French Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr. Jean Yves Le Drian).
- **28 January:** Visit of Czech Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr. Martin Stropnický).
- **12 February:** Visit of President of the Federal Republic of Germany visited EUTM Mali (H.E. Dr. Joachim Gauck).



The President of the Federal Republic of Germany visiting EUTM Mali

- **19 February:** Visit of French Prime Minister to EUTM Mali (Mr. Manuel Valls).
- **23 February:** Visit of Malian Chief of Defence to EUTM Mali (Major General Mahamane Touré).
- **21 March:** Terrorist attack on mission headquarters Bamako. Several attackers burst in front of the headquarters firing with light automatic weapons type AK-47 and hand grenades. Attackers were neutralized by the Czech force protection unit. No injuries were reported. After this attack EUTM would increase its facilities security measures such as mission headquarters Hesco perimeter protection.
- **23 March:** visit of President of the Republic of Mali to EUTM Mali (Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita).
- **23 March:** Start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mandate. After 3 years of focus on mass training of Groupement tactique interarmes (battalion size unit), EUTM started to provide specialized training, at the request of Malian Armed Forces. EUTM 3<sup>rd</sup> mandate would be characterized by a decentralized approach by integrating the Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams.
- **01 April:** The Training Task force was restructured into Education Training Task Force which would include a Mobile Training Task Force and a leader Education Team.

- **06 April:** Visit of German Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Ms. Ursula Von der Leyen).
- **22 April:** Visit of Latvian Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr Raimonds Berganis).
- **01 May:** Visit of German (Mr. F-W Steinmeier) and French (Mr. J-M Ayrault) Ministers of Foreign Affairs to EUTM Mali.
- **06 May:** Visit of Luxemburg Minister of cooperation and humanitarian Affairs to EUTM Mali (Mr Romain Scheinder).
- **17 June:** Visit of the Spanish Chief of Defence, General Admiral Fernando García Sánchez, to EUTM Mali.
- **30 June:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander held a meeting with the President of Mali.
- **27 July:** Visit of the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel Region, Ambassador Ángel Losada Fernández, to EUTM Mali.
- **28 July:** Visit of the Malian Chef d'État-Major des Armées, General de Division Didier Dacko, to EUTM Mali.
- **15 August:** Visit of the Barkhane Force Commander, General de Division François-Xavier Le Pelletier de Woillemont, to EUTM Mali.



Visit of the Barkhane Force Commander to EUTM Mali.

- **16 August:** Visit of the Malian Minister of Defence, Mr. Tiéman Hubert Coulibaly, to EUTM Mali.



- **06 September:** Visit of the Estonian Minister of Defence, Mr. Taavi Roivas, to EUTM Mali.
- **07 September:** Visit of the Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Micael Byden, to EUTM Mali.
- **20 October:** Visit of the Slovenian Minister of Defence, Mrs. Andreja Katic, to EUTM Mali.
- **26 October:** Visit of the Irish Minister of Defence, Mr. Paul Kehoe, to EUTM Mali.
- **06 December:** All five Sahel countries opening ceremony takes place.
- **13 December:** Visit of the Portuguese Minister of Defence, Mr. Jose Azeredo Lopes, and the Portuguese Chief of Defence, General Artur Neves, to EUTM Mali.
- **19 December:** The handover takeover Ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Eric Harvent (BEL) and Brigadier General Peter Takes (BEL), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **03-23 January:** First commando course was conducted. The training was addressed to 33<sup>rd</sup> Para Regiment and delivered by EUTM instructors at Bamako.
- **01 February-07 March:** A mortar course was addressed to 33<sup>rd</sup> Para Regiment in Bamako.
- **01 February-11 March:** An Armoured Personnel Carrier course was conducted. The training was addressed to 134<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron in Kati.
- **15 February-06 May:** Train the Trainers 4 was conducted by EUTM. Addressed to 34 Malian officers and Non-commissioned officers drafted all of them from Military Region. The course was delivered by EUTM instructors at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.



Instructor and trainers during a heavy weapons course. Koulikoro.

- **15 February-06 May:** A Sniper course was conducted. The training was addressed to Gendarmerie snipers at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.

- **15 February-06 May:** Groupement tactique interarmes 8 was trained at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy as mixed Battalion sized unit. It was composed of 2 Infantry Companies, one Gendarmerie coy, one tactical air control patrol, one transmission group and one engineer platoon. It was addressed to 376 soldiers, 76% of them with combat experience. The training was adapted according to the composition of the Groupement tactique interarmes.

At this point the Groupement tactique interarmes training process is concluded. The future focus would be on leadership development at all levels as well as improving understanding of the military training process. From now on training activities would mostly be delivered through decentralized activities in the military regions headquarters garrisons of the Malian Armed Forces. Nevertheless, Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy would remain the major EUTM Mali hub for education and training including enhanced cooperation with “École Militaire Interarmes” and the Non-commissioned officer academy at Banankoro.

- **18-29 April:** A specific training was conducted for 274 Malian Armed Forces instructors provide further understanding and preparation for their own recruiting system. As this activity was specifically requested by Malian Armed Forces some hasty planning and flexible use of resources has been necessary to perform in parallel with Groupement tactique interarmes training.
- **21 March-22 April:** Artillery course was carried out. The training was addressed to 36<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment and delivered by EUTM instructors. The course was conducted in Kati.



1<sup>st</sup> artillery course. Kati.

- **21 March-15 April:** A 2<sup>nd</sup> commando course was conducted. The training was addressed to 33<sup>rd</sup> Para Regiment and delivered by EUTM instructors at Bamako.

- **17 May-10 June:** A 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Personnel Carrier course is conducted. The training is addressed to 134<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron in Kati.
- **30 May-03 June:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Train the Trainers course is conducted in Bamako.



Instructor and trainers during a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams training. Ségou.

- **11 June-15 July:** The Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams was activated for the first time and deployed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region at Ségou. The target audience was 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Regions Infantry company's commanders, platoon and squad leaders and logistic, intelligence, signals and Explosive ordnance disposal specialists (107 officers and Non-commissioned officers). The training was delivered by a task force composed of command and control element, regional military advisory team, infantry, logistics, signals, and Explosive ordnance disposal training teams, force protection unit and a Role 1. After the Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 1 deficient outcome a reevaluation phased would be launched.<sup>2</sup>
- **11 June-16 July:** 1<sup>st</sup> decentralised Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams was carried out. The training was addressed to Malian soldiers, Gendarmes, National guardsmen, and women and delivered by 100 EUTM instructors including 40 instructors, force protection, Human intelligence and medical personnel. The training took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region, Ségou and was a consolidation of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Mandate 3.

<sup>2</sup> [Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams Kayes \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAYES)

- A Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams team designed with elements of the different EUTM Mali units with the objective of carrying out the activities of the mission, in an intensive way, afterwards it will be deployed in any of the 7 Military Regions. The activities carried out would last for a variable period and the courses were decided depending on the objectives to be achieved.
- **20 June-02 September:** EUTM Mali conducted the 5<sup>th</sup> Train the Trainers. The course was addressed to 26 Malian Non-commissioned officers (land component, air component, national guard and gendarmerie) and delivered by Education Training Task Force at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.<sup>3</sup>
- **08 August-26 August:** EUTM Mali conducted a “École d’Application des Officiers” train the trainers course. The course was addressed to officers and Non-commissioned officers drawn from the “Direction des Écoles Militaires”, the land component, the national guard and the Engineers Directorate and delivered by Education Training Task Force at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **05 September-02 December:** EUTM Mali conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> infantry Company Commanders’ Course. The course was addressed to 19 Malian officers from the land component, the national guard and the Infantry Directorate and delivered by Education Training Task Force at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.



Instructor and trainers during a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams training. Koulikoro.

<sup>3</sup> [Une armée en marche \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

- 24 October-27 November:** A second Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams was deployed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Military Region at Kati. The target audience was 3<sup>rd</sup> Military Regions combined arms Quick Reaction Force. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region Command Post in support of the Africa-France summit scheduled for 17 January received training from the same Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams.

The training was delivered by a task force composed of command-and-control element, regional military advisory team, infantry, logistics, signals, and explosive ordnance disposal training team, force protection unit and a Role 1.



First all five Sahel countries liaison officer's course

- 18 July-29 July:** First all five Sahel countries liaison officer's course was held in Koulikoro. The course was addressed to different students from all five Sahel members, 20 in total. The course was delivered by the Leader Education Team.
- 31 October-02 November:** Joint Forces Employment Concept Seminar takes place in Bamako. It brought the opportunity to start the development of a strategic doctrine, it also gave the main lines for tactical doctrine restoration.
- 05 December-16 December:** 2<sup>nd</sup> all the five Sahel countries liaison officer's course was held in Bamako. The course was addressed to different students from all five Sahel members, 20 in total. The course was delivered by the Leader Education Team.



**YEAR  
2017**





## MAIN EVENTS

- **February:** the Heads of State of all five Sahel countries decided to establish a joint force in the region to tackle jihadist threats. The effective deployment of this first element it is a force by the United Nations and EUTM Mali participated in the drafting of the strategic Concept of Operations.
- **February:** The announcement of the creation of Jamaat al-Islam al-Muslimin enhances the global risk through the dissemination of knowledge and means, most notably for Improvised explosive device in the north of Mali.
- **24 March:** Visit the headquarters EUTM Mali, of Chef d'État-Major des Armées of Mali, General Division Didier Dacko.
- **05 June:** Visit of the High Representative European Union Ms. Federica Mogherini to EUTM Mali headquarters in Bamako.



European Union High Representative visiting EUTM Mali. Bamako.

- **12 July:** The handover takeover Ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Peter Devogelaere (BEL) and Brigadier General Bart Laurent (BEL), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako.

- **18 June:** Terrorist attack at Le Campement restaurant. Gunmen attacked Le Campement Kangaba in Dougourakoro, east of Bamako, Mali, a resort frequented by tourists and EUTM members. 5 people were killed, including a Franco-Gabonese civilian, a Chinese citizen and OR 7 Gil Fernando Paiva Benido (Portugal). 5 soldiers – OR 7 Paiva awarded posthumously - received the Common Security and Defence Policy Meritorious Service Medal for their distinguished and courageous behaviour after responding to the attack with their sidearms and prevent the terrorist to kill more victims. Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin claimed responsibility for the attack.
- **18 June:** OR 7 Gil Fernando Paiva Benido (Portugal) died, during a terrorist attack in “Le Campement”, Bamako.



OR 7 Gil Fernando Paiva Benido

- **29 August:** Visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Mr Didier Reynders to EUTM Mali headquarters in Bamako. He is received by Mission Force Commander Laurent.



Mission Force Commander with the Minister Foreign Affairs of Belgium

- **18 October:** Visit of the Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Linas Linkevicius to EUTM Mali headquarters in Bamako. He is received by Mission Force Commander General Laurent.
- **28 November:** Visit of the Ireland Prime Minister S.E. Mr Leo Varadkar, Belgium Prime Minister S.E. Mr Charles Michel, Belgium Cooperation and Development Minister S.E. Mr Alexander de Croo and de Luxemburg Prime minister H.E. Mr Xavier Bettel to EUTM Mali headquarters in Bamako. They are received by Mission Force Commander de General Laurent.



Mission Force Commander with the Prime Ministers of Belgium, Luxemburg, and Ireland.

- **14-17 December:** Visit of Military Planning and Conduct Capability Lieutenant General Elsa Pulkkinen to EUTM Mali headquarters in Bamako.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **02-26 January:** EUTM Mali conducted the first .50 Calibre Sniper Course. The training audience consisted of Special Operation Forces of Malian Armed Forces with sniper knowledge.



Shooting with Dragunov sniper rifle.

- **06 January-31 March:** Tactical Air Control Party Instructor, Guidage Aérien Tactique Avancé 04 in Bamako.
- **09-27 January:** EUTM Mali conducted a Train the Trainer Combat Shooting Course. The training audience consisted of 4 Malian Officers from École d'Application d'Officiers and of Infantry Training Teams.
- **23 January-31 March:** EUTM Mali conducted a Tactical Air Control Party Train the Trainer Course for 11 Air Force personnel. 9 trainees were ranked as instructors according to their test results and performances.
- **23 January-03 February:** EUTM Mali conducted a Logistics Course in Kati. The training audience were 12 Malian Armed Forces Officers from Direction du Service Social des Armées.
- **13 February-28 April:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 03 in Ségou. The EUTM Mali conducted the course for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region to support de Malian Armed Forces, Gendarmerie and National Guard. The training audience was composed of 55 soldiers of Malian Armed Forces.



River Crossing Engineer Platoon of Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Bapho, Ségou.

- **17 February-13 March:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 04 in Gao. The mission consisted of advising staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> Military Region Commander. The aim was to provide training for 2 platoons of Malian Armed Forces, each week.
- **01 March:** Open Day in l'École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye.



Open day in the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE. Bamako.

- **06 March-03 May:** EUTM Mali conducted a 60 mm Mortar Course for 27 Malian Armed Forces and Non-commissioned officers.



Practice exercise of Mortar Course.

- **06-31 March:** EUTM Mali conducted a Leadership Course for 42 trainees supported by 6 Malian Armed Forces.
- **27 March-14 April:** EUTM Mali organized a medical Train the Trainers Course. The training audience consisted of 17 trainees of Malian Armed Forces.
- **06-09 April:** EUTM Mali organized a parachute training activity in Bamako region with the 3 instructors of Belgian paratroopers of the EUTM's force protection and 30 Malian paratroopers of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Parachute. For the Malian paratroopers it was their first jump since 2011.



Elements (BEL) of the Light Brigade with 30 Malian Armed Forces parachutists. Bamako.

- **10 April-30 June:** EUTM Mali conducted a Tactical Air Control Party Course for 15 Malian Armed Forces personnel, 4 Malian Armed Forces assistant trainers and also Malian pilots.
- **15 May-07 July:** EUTM Mali started a Specialized Training Course. The training audience consisted in one Company Unité Spéciale de Reconnaissance with 90 soldiers.
- **22 May-21 June:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 05 in Sikasso. The mission consisted of advising staff of the 8<sup>th</sup> Military Region Commander. The aim was to provide training for troops from Groupement tactique interarmes ELOU which is in garrison.
- **10 July-17 September:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 06 in Kati. The mission consisted of advising staff of the 17<sup>th</sup> Military Region Commander, Gendarmerie and National Guard trainees.



Instructor and trainees in Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Kati.



- **31 July-20 August:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 07 in Gao. The mission consisted of advising staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> Military Region Staff members and one platoon of infantry.



Training exercises in Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Gao

- **29 August-15 September:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 08 in Timbuktu. The mission consisted of reinforcing the 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region Commander Staff members and one platoon of infantry.



Training Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Timbuktu.

- **25 September-06 October:** All five Sahel countries Sahel Staff Course in Bamako. It was devoted to providing skills for staff Officers to the different all the five Sahel countries joined forces command posts. The audience consisted in 25 officers from each one of five Sahel countries.



National flags of countries all five Sahel countries. Bamako.

- **16 October-16 November:** EUTM Mali deployed 91 instructors to conduct a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 09 in Kayes. The mission consisted of reinforcing the 4<sup>th</sup> Military Region Staff members and 2 Infantry Company with 247 trainees.



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## MAIN EVENTS

- **31 January:** The change of command ceremony of handover takeover of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Bart Laurent (BEL) and Brigadier General Enrique Millán Martínez (ESP) took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover ceremony. Bamako.

- **01 February:** All the five Sahel countries joined forces conducted operation “PAGANALI” in central Mali. This operation targeted a terrorist cell along the border between Burkina Faso and Mali.
- **02 February:** Visit of the French Chief of Defence, Lieutenant General, Jean-Pierre Bosser, to EUTM Mali.
- **01 May:** Visit of the Lithuanian Minister of Defence, Mr Raimundas Karbolis, to headquarters EUTM Mali.

- **14 May:** General Millán, begins the Fourth Mandate, which is approved by Council Decision 2018/716/CFSP of 14 May. 4<sup>th</sup> Mandate EUTM seeks to:
  - Provision of the necessary capabilities by the Member States.
  - Increase the infrastructure needed to host the personnel's increase.
  - To gain appropriate access to key domains, especially to the Malian education system.
  - Malian authorization for high level advising to the decision makers, under the direct command of the Minister of Defence and Chef d'État-Major des Armées.
- **16 May:** Visit of the Portugal Chief of Staff of the joint Command for Military Operations, Lieutenant General Joaquim Almeida, to EUTM Mali.
- **18 May:** OR 4 Antonio Carrero Jiménez (Spain) died near Sévaré, when returning with his unit on a Force Protection mission in a car accident.



OR 4 Antonio Carrero Jiménez

- **19 May:** Beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> Mandat. Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/716 of 14 May 2018 amending and extending Decision 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali). The objective of EUTM Mali shall be to respond to the operational needs of the Malian Armed Forces and of all five Sahel Countries Joined Forces.
- **01 Jun:** Visit of the Mali Chief of Staff of Armies, Major General Keita, and Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali Force Commander, Major General Deckonnink, to EUTM Mali.

- **05 June:** Visit of the Belgium Minister of Defence, Mr Steven Vandeput, to EUTM Mali.



Belgium Minister of Defence visiting EUTM Mali headquarters. Bamako.

- **29 June:** Attack on all five Sahel countries joined forces headquarters facilities. The attack would have a meaningful impact on all five Sahel countries structure.
- **02 June:** The Supreme Commander of Swedish Armed Forces, General Micael Bydén, visited EUTM Mali Headquarters.



Swedish Chief of Defence visiting EUTM Mali headquarters. Bamako.

- **July:** Education and Training Seminar is organised by all five Sahel countries joined forces in the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye facilities. The seminar was led and coordinated by EUTM. One of the main decisions taken was the mechanism of pre-deployment training of this force, it would increase its activities of preparation per year.

- **03 September:** Visit of the German Chief of Defence, Eberhard Zorn, to EUTM Mali.



German Chief of Defence and Mission Force Commander.

- **18 September:** MG Didier Dacko (Mali) handed over all the five Sahel countries joined forces Command to Major General Hanana Ould Sidi (Mauritania).
- **05 October:** Visit of the Estonian Prime Minister, Mr Juri Ratas, to EUTM Mali.



Estonian Prime Minister and Mission Force Commander.

- **12 November:** The change of command ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Enrique Millán Martínez (ESP) and Brigadier General Peter Mirow (DEU), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



- **27 December:** Visit of the Spanish Prime Minister, Mr Pedro Sánchez, to EUTM Mali



Spanish Prime Minister visiting EUTM Mali.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **15 January-09 March:** A Mortar Course is conducted in Koulikoro. The training is addressed to 30 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces and delivered by 11 EUTM Mali instructors from the Education Training Task Force. The training included several live fire 62 mm soviet mortar exercises.<sup>4</sup>



Mortar course, Koulikoro.

- **22 January-03 March:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 10 training is conducted on behalf of the 8<sup>th</sup> Military Region (Sikasso) units. The training is addressed to 102 Malian officers and Non-commissioned officers and delivered Education Training Task Force 40 instructors.

The training is conducted all over Sikasso province.

<sup>4</sup> [EUTM Mali Mortar Fire Training - YouTube](#)



Instructors, and interpreters in the combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 10. Sikasso.



Mission Force Commander in the Closing Ceremony combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 10, Sikasso.

- 12-23 March:** EUTM Mali conducted with the 2<sup>nd</sup> all five Sahel countries joined forces staff officer pre-deployment course took place at the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin BEYE in Bamako, with the cooperation of the Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre, Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali, Element Français au Sénégal, Collège Sahélien de Défense et Sécurité and Malian Armed Forces. The training is addressed to officers and Non-commissioned officers from all the members of all five Sahel countries joined forces.

- **02-27 April:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 11 training is conducted on behalf of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Military Region (Bamako). The training is addressed to 116 Malian officers and Non-commissioned officers from one Infantry Company with three Platoons, one Light Armour Platoon and one Artillery Platoon and delivered by 71 Education Training Task Force instructors. The training is conducted all over Kati area.



Armoured Vehicle Course at Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 11. Kati.

- **23 May:** EUTM Mali conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry company commanders' course 6. The course was addressed to 19 Malian officers from the land component, the national guard and the Infantry Directorate and delivered by Education Training Task Force at Koulikoro.



Mortar course, Koulikoro.

- 04 June-06 July:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 12 training is conducted on behalf of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region (Ségou). The training is addressed to 405 Malian Non-commissioned officers from the Non-commissioned officer School and several elements from 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region. The training was delivered by 71 Education Training Task Force instructors.



Instructors, and interpreters in the Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Ségou.

- 16-27 July:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Command Post Course was hosted at the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye. It was organized by EUTM and all five Sahel countries joined forces and supported by the Element Français au Sénégal and other partner organizations. 28 officers from all five Sahel countries joined, foreseen to be deployed to the JF Bat. were present.
- 13-31 August:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 13 training is conducted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Military Region (Gao). The training is addressed to 75 Malian Armed Forces soldiers. The training was delivered by 41 Education Training Task Force instructors.



Instructors, and interpreters in the Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Gao.

**17 September-23 October:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 14 training is conducted on behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military Region (Kayes). The training is addressed to 221 Malian trainees including 22 Officers, 29 Non-commissioned officers. Non-commissioned officers from the Non-commissioned officer School and several elements from 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region. The training was delivered by 63 Education Training Task Force instructors in Kayes province.



Closing Ceremony of Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Kayes.

- **03-13 November:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 15 training is conducted in of the 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region (Timbuktu). The training is addressed to 75 Malian trainees including Staff Officers and Non-commissioned officers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region units. The training was delivered by 21 Education Training Task Force instructors.
- **12-30 November:** The École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye hosted a Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre level course organized by EUTM.



Closing Ceremony Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Timbuktu



**YEAR**  
**2019**





## MAIN EVENTS

- **06 January:** Visit of Irish Prime Minister, Mr Leo Eric Varadkar, to EUTM Mali.
- **22 January:** Visit of Estonian Defence Minister of, Mr Jüri Luik, to EUTM Mali.
- **24 February:** Attack in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy against the EUTM Mali troops conducted with small arms fire and 2 x Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device. 10 terrorists intervened in the jihadist attack which was repelled by Spanish soldiers who were on duty.



One of suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device blown up at the Koulikoro entrance.

- **24 February:** Visit of Defence Minister, Profesor Sangaré and the Malian Armed Forces Chief Maïor General Keita after the attack in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- **07 May:** Visit of Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director Lieutenant General Pulkkinen (FIN) to Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.



Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director course.

- **10 May:** Visit of the Chief of Defence of Denmark, General Zorn, to EUTM Mali.
- **12 June:** The handover takeover ceremony of the EUTM Mali's Mission Force Commander, between Brigadier General Peter Mirow (DEU) and Brigadier General Christian Habersatter (AUT), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.
- **13 June:** Visit of the Chief of Defence of Austria, Lieutenant General Brieguer, to EUTM Mali.
- **12 December:** The handover takeover Ceremony of the EUTM Mali's Mission Force Commander, between Brigadier General Christian Habersatter (AUT) and Brigadier General João Pedro Rato Boga de Oliveira Ribeiro (PRT), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **14 January-15 February:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 16 took place in Kati. The training audience consisted of 3 rifle platoons and 1 artillery platoon. This course involved 102 EUTM Mali personnel and 199 Malian troops.



Infantry Training of the Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 16. Kati.



Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 16 closing ceremony. Kati.

- **04-11 March:** EUTM Mali deployed a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams in support of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Region units in Sévaré.
- **11 March-05 April:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 17 took place in Gao. The training audience was composed of 93 Malian Armed Forces soldiers and involved 29 EUTM Mali personnel: command staff, trainers, advisors and force protection.



Shooting Exercise. Gao.

- **18 March-05 April:** Military Driver Course. The training audience addressed to 14 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces, delivered by 7 EUTM Mali instructors in Koulikoro.



Driving practices. Koulikoro.

- **15 April-10 May:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 18 took place in Ségou. The training audience was composed of 150 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces and involved 129 EUTM Mali personnel (Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams Staff, trainers, advisors, interpreters, and force protection).



EUTM Mission Force Commander at closing ceremony. Ségou.

- **03-21 June:** EUTM Mali deployed a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams in Sévaré. The audience was composed of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region staff officers. EUTM Mali re-directed its efforts to delivering additional centralized training activities and involved 6 Advisory Task Force Advisory Task Force members with 100 personnel various enablers.



Soldier waging training activities. Sévaré.

- **31 July-28 August:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 19 deployed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Military Region, Timbuktu. The training audience was composed of three platoons each week and activities involved 6 Advisory Task Force members with 35 personnel various enablers (including force protection).
- **30 August-08 September:** EUTM Mali deployed in Sévaré a Task Force in order to conduct an Operational Advisory Activity addressed to the staff officers of the Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre -Centre co-located with the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Region in Sévaré, delivered by 7 Advisory Task Force instructors in Sévaré.
- **25 September-13 October:** EUTM Mali deployed elements in a combined effort to 6<sup>th</sup> Military Region. The audience was composed of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Region staff officers. Activities involved 5 Advisory Task Force, 11 Education Training Task Force members and several personnel of force protection (110 in total).
- **21 October-10 November:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 20 was deployed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Military Region, Kayes. The activities involved 6 Advisory Task Force as well as 21 Education Training Task Force members (94 in total including force protection and enablers). The audience was 119 trainees.



Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 20's Instructors, and trainees. Kayes.



Visit at Orphanage. Kati.







**YEAR**  
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## MAIN EVENTS

- **09 March:** Visit of Estonian Chief of Defence Mr Jüri Luik, to EUTM Mali, Bamako.



Estonian Minister of Defence and Mission Force Commander.

- **11 March:** Visit of German Chief of Defence Mr Carsten Breuer, to EUTM Mali, both to Bamako and Koulikoro.
- **19 March,** proposal regarding COVID measures:
  - Malian government: cancellation of commercial flights, closing of schools, ban of meetings with more than 50 people. EUTM Mali cargo and military flights were allowed.
  - A high level meeting was celebrated, with the participation of the Special Representative of the Secretary-general of Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali, Mission Force Commander, Ambassador of Delegation of the European Union to Mali, Malian Ministers of Health, Foreign Affairs and Defence, Chef d'État-Major des Armées, European Union Capacity Building Mission in Mali and EUTM Mission Force Commander. The Intent was to coordinate an approach for the contingent rotations of the main military actors.



Meeting with Covid measures.

- **22 March:** According to the new preventive measures, Advisory Task Force outside activities would be reduced to the essential ones as of 6 April. Interactions with Malian Armed Forces would mainly continue through phone calls, and emails.
- **26 March:** Regarding the army staff, the postponement of Military Region Advisory Activity Ségou and Pre-Deployment Training in Markala would have a limited impact. According to the military region commander, the approved two weeks postponement of Military Region Advisory Activity Ségou would not be a problem. Regarding the Pre-Deployment Training, Malian Army decided to conduct this training standalone, but starting it one week later (13<sup>th</sup> APR), enabling Education Training Task Force during this week to strengthen Malian instructor's capabilities.
- **03 April:** The fact that EUTM Mali has entered a hibernation phase since 3 April following the appearance of the first cases of COVID 19 in the mission. This meant that more than 50 per cent of the mission's capabilities were withdrawn to their countries of origin, leaving only the posts considered essential in Mali, and with the consequent paralysis in support of the Malian Armed Forces.
- **07 May:** The mission completed the drawdown phase (reduced status means 390 essential personnel, including 61 from the National Support Element). The mission was to end the quarantine on 11 May provided no new cases appeared.

- **18 May:** Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director published the EUTM Mali 5<sup>th</sup> Mandate and with regard to the EUTM Mali Mission, the increase in decentralized activities that the new mandate implies, in the center, north and east of Mali, and also in the rest of all five Sahel countries countries.
- **01 June:** The handover takeover Ceremony of the EUTM Mali's Mission Force Commander, between Brigadier General João Pedro Rato Boga de Oliveira Ribeiro (PRT) and Brigadier General František Ridzák (CZE), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako.

- By the end of June, mission was COVID free and appropriate measures were taken by Malian authorities. Based on proper assessment, Military Planning and Conduct Capability authorized resumption of advising and training activities with the resources available in theatre.
- **18-19 August:** In a context of disputed parliamentary elections and mass demonstrations led by the Mouvement du 5 Juin - Rassemblement des Forces Patriotiques, President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta was arrested by mutineers and resigned on the public television of Mali at midnight on 18 August 2020. A few hours later, the National Committee for the Salvation of the People took power. It was chaired by Assimi Goïta with Ismaël Wagué as spokesperson. Mr Bah N'Daw was appointed Transitional President and Assimi Goïta Vice President. On 27 September, Moctar Ouane was appointed Prime Minister.

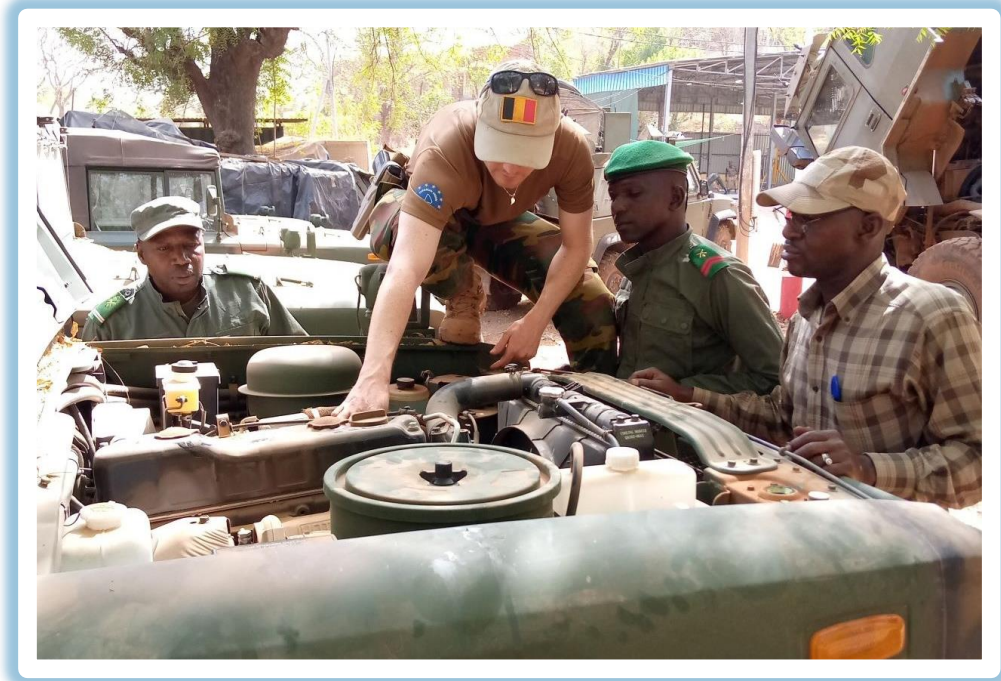
## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **16 December 2019-14 January:** Mechanized Infantry Unit Course . The training audience was meant to 23 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces, lead by 5 EUTM Mali instructors in Koulikoro.
- **06 January-31 March:** Tactical Air Control Party Instructor Course, Guides Aériens Tactiques Avancée 04 in Bamako.
- **14 January:** The Mission Force Commander visited to Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy to participate in the closing ceremony of Mechanized Infantry Unit Course.
- **13 January-03 April:** Fusiliers Commandos de l’Air Course addressed to 32 Non-commissioned officers and Soldiers belonging to the Malian Armed Forces, performed by 5 Education Training Task Force trainers in Koulikoro.
- **27 January-21 February:** Education Training Task Force planned, organized, and conducted a Company level Pre Deployment Training Course to 170 soldiers, performed by 27 trainers in Koulikoro. The aim was to provide an organic Malian Armed Forces Infantry company ready to deploy on operations.
- **03-28 February:** A Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 21 was deployed in Sévaré. The aim was to provide training for 315 trainees of Malian Armed Forces.
- **17-27 February:** The EUTM Mali planned, organized, and conducted the Course of Doctrine for majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels of Malian Armed Forces. The course was developed at the Military School Directorate of Malian Armed Forces in Bamako.



Closing Ceremony of Course of Doctrine. Bamako.

- **02-20 March:** EUTM Mali conducted a 4x4 Maintenance Course for Malian Armed Forces Non-commissioned officers and enlisted at the Koulikoro. The aim was to provide the selected Malian Armed Forces trainees with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain and recover different types of vehicles. This course was delivered by 5 trainers.



Practices of the “4 x 4 Maintenance Course”. Koulikoro.

- **02-27 March:** Education Training Task Force, organized and conducted a Pre-Deployment Training . The aim was to provide and Malian Armed Forces Infantry Company) with the necessary preparation in tactics, techniques and procedures. The training audience was composed of 143 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces, delivered by 19 instructors in Koulikoro.



Practical exercise Counter-Improvised Explosive Device. Koulikoro

- **12-21 March:** EUTM Mali conducted a Military region Advisory Activity in the 5<sup>th</sup> Military region, Timbuktu.

The aim of this activity was to support the Malian Defence and Security Forces. During this period, 14 EUTM Mali advisors gave three courses for 33 Malians and Gendarmerie, Garde Nationale and Police Nationale, ranked from private to Lieutenant-Colonel.

- **23 March:** A Joint Working Group of EUTM Mali and the Direction de Transmissions et des Télécommunications des Armées was building a centralized database for the Logistics Management System to develop advanced logistics management system.



Stage of modernization of the Malian Armed Forces with the Logistics Management System. Bamako.

- **16 March-03 April:** EUTM Mali deployed to Bamako an Education Training Task Force trainers and Force Protection Group elements to support the training of Forces Spéciales Antiterroristes at the Malian National Guard.

The aim was to provide training to Forces Spéciales Antiterroristes to reach the necessary skills to undertake counter-terrorism operations.





EUTM Mali and the Special Anti-terrorist Forces. Bamako.

- **13 April-15 May:** The Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 22 was deployed in Sikasso, that was initially planned, was annulled by restrictions because of the COVID pandemic.
- **01-17 July:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 23 was deployed in Gao.

The advisory and training activities for this course, were carried out with the limitations in material and personnel resources available in the training area.
- **01-19 July:** Education and Training Task Force, provided the Company Instructor Course.

The training audience was composed of 124 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces, delivered by 17 instructors in Koulikoro.
- **20 July-07 August:** Education and Training Task Force, provided the Company Instructor Course.

The training audience was addressed 10 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces, and was delivered by 4 instructors in Koulikoro.



Closing ceremony of Company Instructor Course. Koulikoro.

- **20 July-07 August:** Base Defence Instructor Course took place in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy, and it was attended by 22 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces. The aim of the course was to provide selected Malian Armed Forces Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers with the knowledge base and instructional techniques to successfully train soldiers in Base Defence.



Exercise of Tactical Combat Casualty Care in the Base Defence. Koulikoro.

- **27 July-21 August:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 24 was deployed in Timbuktu.



Shooting Exercise on the field. Timbuktu.

- **17-28 August:** The Medical Instructors Course was conducted at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. It took place over four weeks and was attended by several trainees of the Malian Armed Forces. The aim of the course was to teach the principles of Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Massive Hemorrhage, Airway, Respiration, Circulation, Hypothermia Protocol and basic first aid.
- **01 September-18 December:** Tactical Air Control Party Instructor Course / Guidage Aérien Tactique Avancé 05 in Bamako.
- **07-30 September:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 25 was deployed in Gao.
- **12-27 October:** Over two weeks, 26 instructors from EUTM Mali, the Malian Armed Forces, École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye, all the five Sahel countries joined forces and the French Training Element in Senegal worked together to train 30 officers appointed into the four different Command Posts/Headquarters of all the five Sahel countries joined forces.
- **19 October-13 November:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team 26 was deployed in Kayes.
- **24-28 October:** EUTM Mali provided the Intelligence Intermediate – Level Course. The training audience addressed 12 Officers at the d’État-Major des Armées /Secretary of the Malian Armed Forces and Non-commissioned officers, delivered by 4 instructors in Koulikoro.



Instructors and trainees Company Instructor Course practical exercise under Covid measures. Koulikoro.

- **27 October-28 November:** EUTM Mali through its Advisory Task Force Strategic Air Cell planned and conducted the Logistic and Air Storekeeper Course. The course was performed in the 101 Sénou Air Force Base. The training audience addressed 12 Squadrons of Malian Armed Forces delivered by 4 instructors.



Closing ceremony of the Logistic and Air Storekeeper Course.

- **11 October-14 January 2021:** EUTM Mali conducted the Tactical Air Control Party Course. There are 3 levels: Basic, Refresher and Instructor and delivered by 5 EUTM Instructors in Koulikoro.
- **01 November:** All Malian Armed Forces training is continuing as planned, notably Sévaré, Menaka and Banankoro. As Mali was at that moment experiencing the second COVID-19 wave, the restrictions imposed by the Government affected these plans.
- **03-12 November:** EUTM Mali conducted six coaches to observe Malian Armed Forces Company level training efforts at Sévaré, to prepare a similar training for 2 company's conducted by EUTM Mali between, 20NOV20-01JAN21.
- **05 November:** EUTM Mali and STARLITE, conducted a series of medical exercises. It was elaborated on exercise ANGEL WINGS, to practice STARLITE Medical Evacuation Capability.



STARLITE medical evacuation exercise.

- **06 December-07 January 2021:** EUTM Mali planned, organized, and conducted a Company level pre-deployment training in Sévaré. The aim was to prepare an organic Malian Armed Forces Infantry Company (75 trainees) for entering the operational cycle.



Practical exercise of Infantry Company. Sévaré.

- **December:** COVID had an impact on the mission. All efforts continued and all relevant measures were taken. Appreciation was expressed for the fact that, despite COVID, the mission was able to continue activities as planned.



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## MAIN EVENTS

- **01 January:** General František Ridzák, commander of the EUTM Mali mission, accompanied by the Education Task Force commander and the EUTM Chief of Staff, visited the training activities in Gao. During this visit, the general addressed the Malian trainees who were receiving platoon-level training on the brand-new Typhoon armored vehicles.
- **12 January:** The change of command Ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General František Ridzák (CZE) and Brigadier General Fernando Luis Gracia Herréiz (ESP), took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.
- **20 February:** At this moment the European Union training force was composed of almost 1000 soldiers from 25 European countries. Regarding EUTM's structure, the Advisory Task Force and the Educational and Training Task Force are by far the most important pillars in the realm of assisting the Malian and all five Sahel countries joined forces.<sup>5</sup>
- **31 March:** Visit of Czech Minister of Defence to EUTM Mali (Mr. Lubomir Metnar).



Czech Minister of Defence at EUTM Mali

<sup>5</sup> [8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EUTM Mali \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

- **24 May:** The Malian army led by Vice President Assimi Goïta captured President Bah N'daw, Prime Minister Moctar Ouane and Defence Minister Souleymane Doucouré. Colonel Goïta, who led the 2020 Malian coup, announced that N'daw and Ouane were removed from power and that new elections would take place in 2022. This is the country's third coup in ten years.
- **10 June:** Meeting between the Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali and the Chief of Defence of Burkina Faso, in the presence of the High Representative of the European Union for the Sahel, Mr. Ángel Losada, and the European Union Delegation ambassador in Burkina Faso. Within the framework of EUTM Mali's mandate 5, one of the objectives is to extend the training currently offered to Mali to the other five Sahel countries, starting with Burkina Faso.
- **25 June:** EUTM in Mali organized a panel with key actors on Human Rights and Conflict in Mali. EUTM was able to present the lines of operations regarding the implementation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mandate.
- **26 June:** Brigadier General Fernando Luis Gracia Herréiz, Force Commander of the EUTM in Mali, witnessed at Bamako airport the arrival of the first NH90 helicopter the Spanish Army has deployed to Mali as part of the EUTM.<sup>6</sup>
- **12 July:** The change of command Ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Fernando Luis Gracia Herréiz (ESP) and Brigadier General Jochen Deuer (DEU) took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako.

<sup>6</sup> [Arrival in Bamako of ITAT Unit \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

- **04 August:** Deployment of an EUTM liaison officer to Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). He was based with the European Union Delegation and was in charge of preparing and coordinating EUTM activities with local actors.
- **14 August:** integration of Military Assistance Task Force GAZELLE into EUTM Mali. The Political and Security Committee approved in May 2021 the offer of Germany to integrate the Military Assistance Task Force GAZELLE in EUTM Mali, operating in Niger and providing military assistance through training, assisting, advising and educating the Niger Special Operation Forces for an estimated period of two years.



EUTM Mali soldiers training in Military Assistance Task Force.

- **21 December:** The change of command Ceremony of the Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, between Brigadier General Jochen Deuer (DEU) and Brigadier General Christian Riener (AUT) took place at the EUTM Mali Headquarters in Bamako.



Mission Force Commander handover takeover Ceremony. Bamako.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **11 December 2020-23 January:** End of training of the 3<sup>rd</sup> company. The course was addressed to Malian soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company and delivered by EUTM trainers in Sévaré (Mopti).
- **02 January:** Two other training courses were successfully conducted by EUTM trainers in Gao. Malian partners received technical and tactical training at the platoon level on TYPHOON vehicles. Joint Theatre Command position training provided participants with an opportunity to improve their ability to implement and execute the decision-making process in an operational context.
- **13-15 January:** EUTM Mali provided to the Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre basic training addressed to 13 trainees delivered by EUTM/ Education Training Task Force instructors and coordinated by Advisory Task Force. The objective of this course was to train warehouse staff at Air Base 101 on basic knowledge in computer skills. The activity was carried out at Sénou.
- **16 January-16 February:** EUTM Mali started the course for the squadron commanders of the National Guard in the garrison of Bamako. Twenty officers with the ranks of lieutenant and captain followed the course. The course was delivered by EUTM instructors.



EUTM trainers in Gao.

- 18 January-17 May:** Tactical Air Control Party course at Sénou Air Base took place. 20 trainees participated in the course together with 4 Malian Armed Forces instructors, former students from the “Train the Trainers” program. It was delivered by Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy instructors. The objective is to provide additional Tactical Air Control Party specialists to Malian Armed Forces (Air Force).



EUTM trainers in Gao.

- 25 January-28 March:** The artillery course began in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment in Sévaré (Mopti). Four Spanish and Latvian instructors train gunners on the use and deploy of the D-30 battery system. After 9 weeks, the training ended with a live fire exercise in the Mopti area.<sup>7</sup>
- 01 February-05 March:** Fifteen Education and Training Task Force trainers of the European Union Training Mission, conducted a 4<sup>th</sup> Company training in the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Region of Mali. The training audience consisted of 90 Malian soldiers. Aim of the training was to provide an organic Malian Armed Forces Infantry Company with the required Tactics, Technics and Procedures to deploy in operations.
- 17 February-22 March:** A 4-week Counter-Improvised explosive device training is carried out in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- 27 February-12 March:** Planning and Intelligence Course is carried out. Addressed to 13 trainees from Mali, Niger, Chad and Mauritania and delivered by instructors of EUTM Mali, all five Sahel countries Joint Force officers and French Cooperation instructors at the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.

<sup>7</sup> [EUTM Mali | Young Malian soldiers become the pioneers of the 614<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battery](#)

- 02-04 March: Czech Force Protection Unit carried out a live fire exercise. Simultaneously with the shooting exercise, Personnel Recovery procedures and Medical Evacuation were practiced in Kalifabougou.



EUTM trainers in a live fire exercise in Kalifabougou.

- 04 March: The Malian trainee officers of the first promotion of the Staff College Course d'État-Major carried out the final restitution of the "PANDA" exercise, an operational planning exercise based on the Operational Decision-Making Method. The training was delivered by EUTM instructors at the Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
- 20 March-21 May: A heavy weapons course was carried out by the mobile Training team. The instructors of EUTM Mali trained the Malian Armed Forces soldiers on heavy weapons such as mortars, an technical service and maintenance on weapons. 150 Malian Armed Forces soldiers would be trained by this Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams in Sévaré (6<sup>th</sup> Military Region).
- 22 March-26 April: A mixed team of EUTM and Malian Armed Forces (Malian Armed Forces) trainers conducted the first Military Intelligence Course of 2021. This training, attended by 12 intelligence Officers and Non-commissioned officers, aimed to provide theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of intelligence cycle expertise. It was delivered by EUTM instructors. It was carried out at the État-Major Général des Armées in Bamako.
- 19 April-24 May: EUTM provided a Drivers Instructor Course, at the Malian Army Driving School in Kati. Addressed to 12 Malian Armed Forces non-commissioned officers and delivered by 3 EUTM instructors from Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.

- **03-21 May:** Supported by United Nations Mine Action Service, EUTM provided a Train the Trainers Counter- Improvised explosive device course in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. The course was delivered by the Belgium Counter- Improvised explosive device EUTM training team. The objective of this course is to improve the ability of Malian commanders to instruct and train their soldiers and units during the preparation cycles.



Train the Trainers Counter- Improvised explosive device course in Koulikoro.

- **14-21 May:** EUTM conducted a communication course at the Bamako peacekeeping school. Addressed to students of all five Sahel countries Joint Force and delivered by high officers EUTM instructors.

The course provided the knowledge to reach effectively communication skills in a military and multi-national environment.

- **17 May-07 June:** Second Military Intelligence Course of 2021 is conducted. Addressed to Malian Armed Forces students and delivered by EUTM instructors, It was carried out at the État-Major Général des Armées in Bamako.
- **17 May-07 June:** EUTM regional Advisory Task Force carried out the 1<sup>st</sup> Military Region post commander course. Addressed to officers of Groupement tactique interarmes 4, 5 and 6 it was delivered by 3 EUTM instructors at Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre Est in Gao.

- **24 May-25 June:** The "Pick-Up and Truck Maintenance" course took place in Kati. The course was organized in close cooperation with the Malian Armed Forces. The course was a real "joint" course, since participants from the Direction of Materiel, Fuels and Transportation also attended. The lessons were given both in rooms of the 37<sup>th</sup> Transportation and Maintenance Regiment of the Malian Army and in the Central Vehicle Repair Facility of the Direction du Matériel, des Hydrocarbures et du Transport des Armées.
- **15-25 June:** EUTM supported and accompanied the command post No.5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Region with the establishment of an annual training plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment. Addressed to command post No.5 staff officers and delivered by EUTM Advisory Task Force, the training took place in Ségou.
- **20 June-25 July:** EUTM provides basic training through mobile training teams to achieve the EUTM Mission Statement, "To contribute to the improvement and capabilities of the Malian Armed Forces." The training addressed to 68 Malians from 1<sup>st</sup> Kidal Company is delivered by Education Training Task Force trainers (Latvian, French, Austrian, German, Irish and Lithuanian). Spanish Force Protection provided the security element. The training is carried out in Kidal. Two more courses would be delivered in the same facilities, for 2 Companies and 4 platoons, 25 trainees each.
- **11 October-05 November:** Sniper course takes place. The course is addressed to Malian Armed Forces soldiers and delivered by the EUTM sniper instructor team (2 Hungarians, 2 Portuguese's and 2 Spanish's) at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.

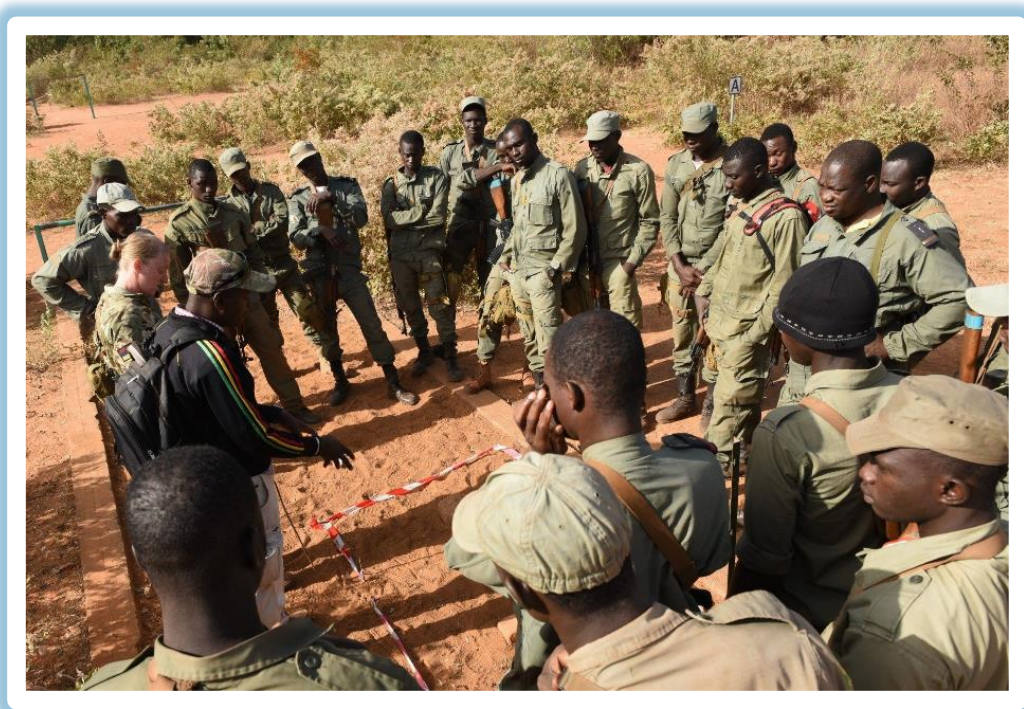


Company commanders' course in Koulikoro.



- 11 October-31 December:** Joint terminal attack controller course took place. This course was specially designed to officers and non-commissioned officers and enabled them to plan and conduct different types of Close Air Support. There are 3 levels: Basic, Refresher and Instructor. 15 trainees attended the course carried out by 5 EUTM instructors. The course was conducted in Koulikoro.
- 11 October-31 December:** The “Fusilier Comando” course took place. The course was designed to teach Malian Airforce personnel the basic skills required to secure and protect an Airforce base.

Training was attended by 154 personnel who came from the 4 Malian Air Bases and one Non-commissioned officer appointed in a Malian Air Force Protection Company. The instruction was provided by 21 Education Training Task Force trainers. The first 10 weeks in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy and the remaining 2 weeks conducted in the Malian Air Force Base at Sénou close to the Bamako Airport.



Fusilier commando training course.

- 18 October-12 November:** Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams 26 ended its training. The course was addressed by EUTM instructors and delivered to Malian Armed Forces soldiers. The course took place in Sévaré.
- 01-26 November:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basic Maintenance Course was accomplished in Kati. It was addressed to 20 trainees and delivered by 12 Malian Armed Forces and 6 EUTM Mali instructors.

- **01-26 November:** EUTM Mali planned, organized, and conducted a Company level pre-deployment training to 215<sup>th</sup> company. The aim was to provide organic Malian Armed Forces Infantry Company (143 trainees) with the necessary preparation in tactics, techniques, and procedures required when deploying on operations, as well as providing support weapons crews with specialist training in their relevant weapon systems. The course took place at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.
  
- **10-24 November:** A pre deployment training was carried out in Sévaré. Addressed to a Training Company which was divided into Infantry Platoons and Support Weapons and delivered by EUTM instructors. The Infantry Platoons practiced procedures regarding patrolling, ambush, counter-ambush, base defence, Counter-Improvised explosive device progression, topography, signals, and basic infantry tactics progression. Crews were trained in the handling and maintenance of heavy machine guns of different calibres and mortars.
  
- **15 November-10 December:** EUTM Mali conducted two Logistic Courses for 14 Officers and 5 Non-Commissioned Officers belonging to the Malian Armed Forces, the National Guard and the Gendarmerie at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.



2<sup>nd</sup> Basic Maintenance Course.

- **15-26 November:** Train the Trainers École d’Aplication d’Officiers was carried out in Kati Training facilities. The objective of this courses is to improve the ability of Malian commanders to instruct and train their soldiers and units during the preparation cycles. The course was addressed to Malian Armed Forces soldiers and delivered by Education Training Task Force instructors.

- 06 December-07 January 2022:** EUTM Mali planned, organized and conducted a Company level pre-deployment training to 4<sup>th</sup> Company in Sévaré. EUTM Mali shaped the training to the operational needs of the Malian Armed Forces. 75 trainees overcome the training.



Company level pre-deployment training. Sévaré

- 06 December-07 January 2022:** Same exercise took part in Ségou focused on 222<sup>nd</sup> Company. 96 trainees were trained by 13 EUTM instructors.
- 06 December-07 January 2022:** A basic maintenance course took place. During the training students were taught basic maintenance of the engine and internal parts of the Toyota 4x4 BL, one of the vehicles most used by the Malian Armed Forces for everyday duties as well as on operations.

The course was addressed to 16 trainees from the Gendarmerie (3 Non-commissioned officers and 13 Non-commissioned officer candidates) and delivered by EUTM instructors.

- 06-24 December:** A basic motorized course was held in Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy. Addressed to the futures Malian Armed Forces crews of the motorized Regiments. 20 trainees overcome the course directed by 6 EUTM trainers. The use of PUMA vehicles provided greater protection and security for soldiers engaged in combat against Improvised explosive devices, ambushes and complex attacks. The training took place at Centre d’Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy.

- **17-24 December:** The Garde Nationale du Mali carried out a basic infantry training in Sévaré facilities. The course was addressed to 120 Malian trainees with the requisite skills and knowledge in individual and squad military training, which consisted of tactical combat casualty care, weapon handling and movement, Counter-Improvised explosive devices, basic infantry tactics and command and leadership. The infantry training was instructed by 19 trainers of the Education and Training Task Force.



Cohesion exercise.



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## MAIN EVENTS

- 17 January:** Committee for Direction of the Coordination (three monthly high level coordination meetings) in which the Malian Armed Forces were represented by the deputy Chief of Defence, Colonel Major Welé. EUTM’s main efforts were the improvement of the quality of training by focusing on the “Train-the-Trainers” concept, the exploitation of the Lessons Learned process, the permanent non-executive accompaniment and to introduce and integrate the Human Security concept into the training.



Malian Chief of Defence at the EUTM Mali mission headquarters. Bamako.

- 21-22 February:** Visit of the Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defence Policy and Crisis Response of the Missions d'Observation Électorale de l'UE, Mr. Charles Fries, and Military Planning and Conduct Capability Deputy director to EUTM Mali, Major General Werner Albl, to EUTM Mali. Military Planning and Conduct Capability Deputy Director held a meeting with the Malian Chef d'État-Major des Armées, General de Division Oumar Diarra.
- 01 March:** Deployment of an EUTM Liaison Officer to Burkina Faso.
- 10 March:** The mission reached the maximum number of personnel deployed in the area of operations since its existence with 1147 soldiers.
- 05-07 April:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander’s visit to Ouagadougou to seek possible ways of cooperation with Burkina Faso.

- **05 April:** After closely monitoring the transitional process and other developments in Mali the Public Service Commission concluded inter alia to temporarily and reversibly suspend operational training activities that benefited units of the Malian Armed Forces and Assistance Measures. The training program and course catalogue were adjusted accordingly.
- **08 April:** Suspension of activities and assistance measures (as per Fragmentary Order 009-2022 Military Planning and Conduct Capability) that implied temporary and reversible cessation of activities benefitting formed units of Malian Armed Forces and Garde Nationale du Mali but maintaining education and advising activities. EUTM Mali activities would focus on education at Military Schools (priorities in Non-commissioned officer School in Banankoro, École Militaire Interarmes and École d'État-major Nationale in Koulikoro), specialized courses benefitting individuals (such as International Human Law, Human security, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, etc.) and the further implementation of Train-the-Trainers concept within Malian Armed Forces.
- **19-22 April:** Main Planning Conference for the Pre-deployment Training of the 6<sup>th</sup> Mandate of all five Sahel Countries Joint Force. The Main Planning Conference took place in Nouakchott with the participation of an Advisory Task Force team and the Host Liaison Nation Officer in Mauritania.
- **19-22 April:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's visit to Niger to seek possible ways of cooperation. EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander held meetings with the Nigerien Chief of Defence and European Union Capacity Building Mission in Mali Sahel Niger's Chief of Mission, among others.
- **26 April:** Integrated Approach for Security and Peace delegation's visit to EUTM Mali headquarters.



Integrated Approach for Security and Peace visit to EUTM Mali headquarters. Bamako.



- **05 May:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander hosted the Committee for Direction of the Coordination in which the Malian Armed Forces were represented by the Deputy Chef d'État-Major des Armées, Brigadier General Welé, as well as a number of high ranking representatives of the État-Major des Armées. The focus of the discussion was the need to adapt the training program after the suspension of part of the training. It was agreed to resume training activities in the military schools from 09 of May and the implementation of the Train the Trainers-Concept in the training.



Committee for Direction of the Coordination Meeting. Hotel Azalai Nord-Sud.

- **09 May:** Europe's Day with a Medal Parade at the headquarters.



Medal Parade on Europe's day. Hotel Azalai Nord-Sud.

- **10 May:** Netherlands Minister of Defence, Ms. Kajsa Ollongren, and the Chief of Defence, General Onno Eichelsheim's official visit to EUTM Mali.



Netherlands Minister of Defence official visit to EUTM Mali.

- **30 May-01 June:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's visit to Niger where he attended the change of command of the German Military Assistance Task Force GAZELLE and he held meetings with Niger's European Union Delegation the Chief of Mission and with the Commander of the 41<sup>st</sup> Special Intervention Battalion, among others.
- **01-03 June:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's General Riener visit to Mauritania where he held meetings with the Director of all five Sahel countries Defence College and with European Union Delegation Mauritania's Chief of Mission, among others.
- **21 June:** Change of Command ceremony of the EUTM Mali Mission Commander, between Brigade General Christian Riener (AUT) and Brigade General Radek Hasala (CZE), took place at the Azalai Salam Hotel in Bamako.



EUTM Mali's Change of Command

- **16-18 August:** Mission Force Commander's Key Leader Engagement visit to Burkina Faso to get information about Burkinabe operational priorities and needs and the potential training support from EUTM.
- **02 September:** Farewell military parade for Mali Spanish Unit Helicopter. On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September, the 3 helicopters NH-90 were redeployed to Spain.



Transporting NH-90 helicopters

- **01 October:** Coup d'état in Burkina Faso. Redeployment of the Burkina Faso Liaison Officer.
- **06-09 October:** Visit of the Deputy Director Military Planning and Conduct Capability Chief of Staff, Major General Werner Albl, to EUTM Mali. The Deputy Director Military Planning and Conduct Capability visited Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy and held meetings with Europeans Union Delegation Chief of Delegation, European Union Capacity Building Mission in Mali Sahel Head of Mission and Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali Mission Force Commander, Lt Gen Mathijsseen. He also met the Chef d'État-Major des Armées Adjoint, Brigade General Welé.



Deputy Director Military Planning and Conduct Capability Chief of Staff visit to EUTM Mali.

- **15 December:** The Military Assistance Task Force Gazelle reached the end of its mandate. Since its integration into EUTM Mali in August 21, The Military Assistance Task Force Gazelle focused on establishing a Niger Special Forces structure, based on a self-sustained Battalion Special intervention through training, educating and mentoring pillars.

It also supported the build-up of a Special Operations Forces School in Tillia to enable autonomous and permanent Niger capacities to train sufficiently Niger Special Operations Forces on a self-sustainable basis.



The Military Assistance Task Force Gazelle end of mandate. Niger.

- **16 December:** Change of Command of EUTM Mali. General (ESP) Santiago J. Fernández Ortiz-Repiso took over as EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander. The Change of Command ceremony was chaired by Vice Admiral Hervé Bléjean (FRA) and counted with the presence of the Malian Chef d'État-Major des Armées, General Oumar Diarra.



Handover takeover ceremony. Bamako.

- **31 December:** Education Training Task Force and Advisory Task Force personnel were merged into the newly established Education and Advisory Task Force.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **06 December 2021-07 January:** Pre-deployment Training addressed to 45 trainees of the 4<sup>th</sup> Company / 62<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, delivered by 20 EUTM trainers in Sévaré.



Pre-deployment Training firing exercise in Sévaré.

- **27 December 2021-07 January:** Physical Education Train-the-Trainers Course addressed to 11 trainees of the Banankoro Non-commissioned officer School, delivered by 4 EUTM trainers in Ségou.
- **03 January-15 April:** Company Commanders Course addressed to 35 trainees, delivered by 7 EUTM trainers at the École Militaire Interarmes in Koulikoro.



Company Commanders Course in Koulikoro.

- **11 October 2021-14 January:** Tactical Air Control Party Course addressed to 8 trainees, delivered by 2 EUTM trainers in Koulikoro.
- **10 January-11 February:** Topography Instructors Course addressed to 14 trainees, delivered by 7 EUTM trainers in Koulikoro.
- **10 January-11 February:** Maintenance Officer Course addressed to 15 trainees, delivered by 3 EUTM trainers in Bamako.



Closing ceremony of the Maintenance Officer Course. Bamako.

- **10 January-11 February:** Logistics Non-commissioned officer Course addressed to 12 trainees, delivered by 4 EUTM trainers in Bamako.



Closing ceremony of the Logistics Non-commissioned officer Course.

- **18 January-25 February:** Puma Company Course addressed to 98 trainees, delivered by 12 EUTM trainers in Koulikoro.



PUMA training. Koulikoro.



- **31 January-04 February:** Human Resources management and organization Course addressed 12 trainees of the Malian Armed Forces Human Resources Department, delivered by Advisory Task Force instructors in Bamako.



Human Resources Course.

- **31 January-25 February:** Pre-deployment training addressed to 256 trainees of the Garde Nationale du Mali, delivered by 11 EUTM trainers in Bamako.
- **07 February-04 March:** Pre-deployment Training to the 223<sup>th</sup> Company addressed to 132 trainees, delivered by 17 EUTM trainers in Ségou.



EUTM trainers in a firing exercise.

- **07-25 February:** Pre-deployment Training addressed to 117 trainees of the 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Regiments, delivered by 26 EUTM trainers in Sévaré.



Mission Force Commander supervising Malian Armed Forces training. Sévaré.

- **14-18 February:** Basic Excel course at l'État-Major de l'Armée de Terre Mali addressed to Non-commissioned officers of the Operations Division and the Human resources Division of the Army Staff, delivered by Advisory Task Force instructors in Bamako.



Excel Course l'État-Major de l'Armée de Terre. Bamako.

- **14-18 February:** Train-the-Trainers 2<sup>nd</sup> Company/1<sup>st</sup> Military Region addressed to 5 trainees, delivered by 11 EUTM trainers in Gao.
- **15-16 February:** Cyberdefence Training provided by the Advisory Task Force Communications and Information Systems Strategic Advisor to Poste de Commandement Inter Armes de Théâtre all five Sahel countries joined forces in Bamako.



Cyberdefence training. Bamako.

- **21 February-01 April:** Logistics Officer Course addressed to 21 trainees, delivered by 5 EUTM trainers in Bamako.



Logistics Officer Course. Bamako.

- **07 March-01 April:** Convoy Commanders & Leadership Course addressed to 6 trainees, delivered by 4 EUTM trainers in Bamako.
- **07-18 March:** Pre-deployment Training addressed to 132 trainees of the Garde Nationale du Mali, delivered by 9 EUTM trainers in Bamako.
- **13-19 March:** Media Analysis Course conducted by EUTM Public Affairs Officer in collaboration with the Direction de l'Information et des Relations Publiques des Armées.



Media Analysis Course. Bamako.

- **14 March-01 April:** Pre-deployment Training addressed to 106 trainees of the Mileng Company/ 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment, delivered by 14 EUTM trainers in Bamako.



EUTM trainer in a shooting exercise.

- **05-22 April:** Pre-deployment Training addressed to 120 trainees of the Garde Nationale du Mali, delivered by 13 EUTM trainers in Bamako.
- **11-29 April:** Police Course addressed to 40 trainees of the Special Intervention Brigade, delivered by 14 EUTM trainers in the Special Intervention Brigade School in Bamako.



EUTM training to the Special Intervention Brigade. Bamako.

- **20 April-20 May:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Basic Maintenance Course addressed to 14 trainees, delivered by 11 EUTM trainers.



Basic maintenance course.

- **25-27 April:** The Non-commissioned officer School Workshop to prepare the Non-commissioned officer School Leadership Train-the-Trainers Course, conducted by 6 EUTM trainers in Banankoro.
- **09-20 May:** The Non-commissioned officer School Preparation addressed to 8 trainees, delivered by 6 EUTM trainers in Banankoro.



Workshop in the Non-commissioned officer School. Banankoro

- **16 May-24 June:** Tactical Air Control Party Course addressed to 15 trainees delivered by 7 EUTM instructors in Burkina Faso.
- **06-10 June:** Open Source Intelligence Train-the-Trainers Course delivered by Advisory Task Force instructors in Bamako.
- **06 June-14 July:** Tactical Air Control Party Course addressed to 7 trainees, delivered by 3 EUTM trainers & 3 Malian Armed Forces trainers in Koulikoro.



Tactical Air Control Party course. Koulikoro.

- **06-30 June:** Logistics Officer Advanced Course addressed to 18 trainees, delivered by 4 EUTM trainers in Bamako.



Closing ceremony of the Logistics Advanced Course. Bamako.

- **06 June-01 July:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Basic Maintenance Course addressed to 16 trainees, delivered by 4 Education Training Task Force trainers and 5 Malian Armed Forces trainers in Bamako.
- **13 June-29 July:** Company Commanders Course addressed to 29 trainees, delivered by 11 EUTM trainers in Koulikoro. The course was set to last until the 21 September but finished on 29 July as per État-Major des Armées order to stop all the courses with EUTM Mali.
- **13 June-29 July:** Non-commissioned officer Staff Course addressed to 20 trainees, delivered by Advisory Task Force instructors in Bamako.



Non-commissioned officer Staff Course. Bamako.

- **16 June-06 July:** Train-the-Trainers Leadership Training Course addressed to 14 trainees, delivered by 10 EUTM trainers in Sévaré.



Trainees in a practice exercise. Sévaré

- **9-30 September:** HF communications & Transmission Data Course addressed to 10 trainees at the Directorate of Transmissions and Telecommunications, delivered by 1 EUTM Trainer in Burkina Faso.
- **11-15 October:** EUTM delegation's reconnaissance trip to Nouakchott to identify opportunities for cooperation with all stakeholders in Mauritania to facilitate the possible implementation of future EUTM activities in the country.
- **31 December:** San Silvestre Running Patrol, military sporting cohesion activity with the joint participation of EUTM Mali and Malian Armed Forces in Koulikoro.



Military sport cohesion activity. Koulikoro.





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## MAIN EVENTS

- **23 January:** Burkina Faso Liaison Officer post was reactivated by deploying Education Advisory Task Force personnel to Burkina Faso with the intention of restoring the local liaison that had been suspended since the coup d'état that had taken place on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, with non-permanent presence, but with regular working visits.
- **02-03 March:** Visit of the Spanish Minister of Defence, Ms. María Margarita Robles Fernández, to the Spanish contingent in EUTM Mali.
- **14 March:** Visit of the European Union Special representative for the Sahel, Ms. Emanuela Claudia Del Re, to EUTM Mali.



European Union Special representative for the Sahel's visit to EUTM.

- **05-12 April:** Education Advisory Task Force delegation's working visit to N'Djamena to coordinate EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's visit to Chad.
- **09-12 April:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's General Ortiz-Repiso visit to Chad. Progress was made in opening up EUTM collaborations for the benefit of the Chadian Armed Forces with a series of high-level meetings, including the Chadian Minister of Defence, the Chef d'État-Major des Armées and the General of the Joint Force.
- **23-28 April:** Education Advisory Task Force delegation's technical liaison mission to Burkina Faso to identify possible future EUTM collaborations in the country.

- **09 May:** EUTM Mali 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and European Union Day



EUTM 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony.

- **19 May:** Military ceremony at the Boubacar Sada Sy training center in Koulikoro presided over by the EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's General Ortiz-Repiso, accompanied by Colonel Issa Kaloga, Commander of the training center. This ceremony was the last official event at Centre d'Instruction Boubacar Sada Sy before the EUTM contingent would be restructured at its Bamako facilities.



Mission Force Commander in Koulikoro.

- **29 May:** Visit of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director, Vice Admiral Hervé Bléjean, to EUTM Mali.



Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director's visit to EUTM Mali headquarters.

- **25-29 June:** Education Advisory Task Force delegation's working visit to Burkina Faso to further explore possibilities for future temporary support for the Burkinabe Armed Forces.
- **17-21 July:** Education Advisory Task Force delegation's working visit to Chad to identify possible future EUTM actions in the country.
- **28 August:** Education Advisory Task Force delegation's working visit to Nouakchott to coordinate EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's visit at the end of September.



Education Advisory Task Force staff at the Collège de Défense. Nouakchott.

- **07 September:** Visit of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director, Lieutenant General Michiel van der Laan, to EUTM Mali.



Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director's visit to EUTM Mali headquarters.

- **25 September:** EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander's visit to Mauritania to seek possible ways of cooperation. EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander General Ortiz-Repiso held interviews with the Minister of Defence, the Chief of Defence and the Director of all the five Sahel countries Defence College, among others.



Mission Force Commander at the Collège de Défense. Nouakchott.

- **03 October:** End of Starlite company support to EUTM Mali.



Starlite Company farewell.

- **12-16 November:** Education Advisory Task Force staff working visit to the city of N'Djamena (Chad) to prepare and coordinate an EUTM Instructor Course in Chad to be developed in December.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **13 February-08 March:** Sporting partnership with the Direction des Sports Militaires. Education Advisory Task Force instructors supported Direction des Sports Militaires staff carrying out physical tests.



EUTM instructors supporting physical test.

- **27 February-03 March:** Interservice Mission in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, led by the European External Action Service Deputy Managing Director for Africa, with the participation of four members of EUTM Mali.
- **09-10 March:** EUTM participation in a seminar on security held in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.
- **21-23 March:** EUTM participation in a seminar on Civil-Military Co-operation held in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.
- **02-06 May:** Pre-Deployment Operational training in Chad. EUTM organized and participated with 5 instructors in the Préparation Opérationnelle Avant Déploiement to support the operationalization of the État-Major de Coordination of all five Sahel Countries Joined Forces. The training was supported by several partners such as United Nations, French Forces in Sahel, Expertise France and the Regional Advisory and Coordination Cell in Chad.



- **17 May:** EUTM support to the Malian École de Guerre with a donation of 85 books for its library.



Donation of books to the École de Guerre.

- **22-26 May:** Education Advisory Task Force collaboration with the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye related to the Battalion Command Post course.
- **17 July:** EUTM participation in the seminar “organized crime, terrorism and international cooperation” in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.



École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye Seminar. Peacekeeping School, Bamako.

- **04 September:** EUTM participation in the seminar “Climate and environmental security; impact on the peace and security in the Sahel” in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.
- **09-11 September:** EUTM participation in the seminar “Demographic dynamics; peace, security and development in the Sahel” in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.



École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye Seminar, Peacekeeping School, Bamako.

- **16 November:** EUTM participation in the opening ceremony of the master “Peacekeeping and reconstruction of the post-conflict states”, chaired by the Peace and Reconciliation Minister in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.
- **28-30 November:** EUTM participation in the seminar “The role of the media in the crisis management in the Sahel” in the Peacekeeping School in Bamako.

- **04-15 December:** EUTM Instructor Course for Chad National Army. Addressed to 40 student officers of the Infantry Platoon Leaders Course. Delivered by 5 EUTM instructors in the Inter-Service Military Schools Group in N'Djamena, Chad.



Instructor Course, International Human Law lesson. Inter-Service Military Schools Group, N'Djamena.





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## MAIN EVENTS

- **17 March:** Visit of the European Union Special representative for the Sahel, Ms. Emanuela Claudia Del Re, to EUTM Mali.



European Union Special Representative for the Sahel's visit to EUTM Mali headquarters. Bamako.

- **26 March:** The decision not to extend the mandate was taken at the Political and Security Council Committee meeting. At that meeting the Strategic Review of EUTM Mali was held and the Member States decided not to renew the mandate. Therefore the 5<sup>th</sup> mandate would end on 18 May 2024.
- **17 May:** Closing ceremony of EUTM Mali's Mission. Military parade chaired by Lieutenant General Michiel Van der Laan, Military Planning and Conduct Capability Director, putting an end to 11 years of support to the Malian Armed Forces and all five Sahel countries joined forces.



EUTM Mali's remembering the fallen soldiers.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- **18 January:** EUTM participation in the seminar “Fight against violent extremism, terrorism and organized crime” hosted by the École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Beye and the University of Juridical and Political Sciences of Bamako.



École de Maintien de Paix Alioune Beye Seminar. Peakeeping School, Bamako.

- **22 January-09 February:** Future Commanders of Military Units Course in Chad. EUTM training to 32 student officers of the Future Commanders of Military Units Course in Chad. Delivered by 8 EUTM instructors in the Inter-Service Military Schools Group in N’Djamena, Chad.



Future Commanders of Military Units Course. Topography practice. N’Djamena.



- **07 Mars:** EUTM participation in the seminar “Prevention and fight against violent extremism and terrorism” hosted by European Union Delegation/European Union Capacity Building Mission in Mali. The seminar was held in the Peacekeeping School, École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye in Bamako.



Seminar. Peakeeping School, École de Maintien de la Paix Alioune Blondin Beye. Bamako.



## HONOR TO THE FALLEN

### “THEY WERE”

- **OR 7 Gil Fernando Paiva Benido** (Portugal) died on 18 June 2017, during a terrorist attack in “Le Campement”, Bamako.

The summary of incidents based the reports:

- 03 attackers were reported killed, 02 others arrested and interrogated by the Malian Defence and Security Forces. An unknown number of attackers are still at liberty at the location.
- One civilian with the French nationality was killed by the attackers while one person died, possibly due to a heart attack. 01 or 02 Malian Defence and Security Forces are reported as wounded.
- As for the EUTM personnel: 12 personnel were present at the moment of the attack.
- EUTM was warned a dead European victim has been brought to a civilian hospital in Bamako. EUTM Mission Force Commander confirmed the death of the Portugal soldier.



OR 7 Gil Fernando Paiva Benido

- **OR 4 Antonio Carrero Jiménez** (Spain) died near Sévaré, on 18 May 2018, when returning with his unit on a Force Protection mission in a road accident.

The summary of incidents based the reports:

- The vehicle (an Iveco Lince) left the road in the vicinity of the town of Somadougou, 40 km south of Sévaré in central Mali. Three other Spanish marines were on board: two were injured and the fourth occupant was unharmed.
- He was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Infantry Landing Battalion, based in San Fernando (Cádiz).



OR 4 Antonio Carrero Jiménez



ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORY!

## MISSION'S FORCE COMMANDERS



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
FRANÇOIS LECOINTRE (FRA)  
(JAN 2013- AUG 2013)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
BRUNO GUIBERT (FRA)  
(AUG 2013- APR 2014)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
MARC REDKIEWICZ (FRA)  
(APR 2014- OCT 2014)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ALFONSO GARCÍA-VAQUERO PRADAL (ESP)  
(OCT 2014- JUL 2015)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
FRANZ XAVER PFRENGLE (DEU)  
(JUL 2015-DEC 2015)



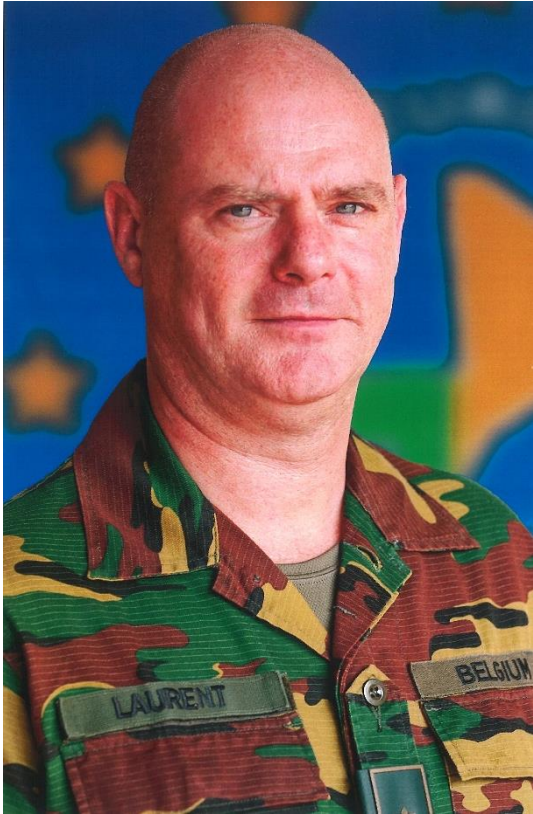
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
WERNER ALBL (DEU)  
(DEC 2015-JUL 2016)



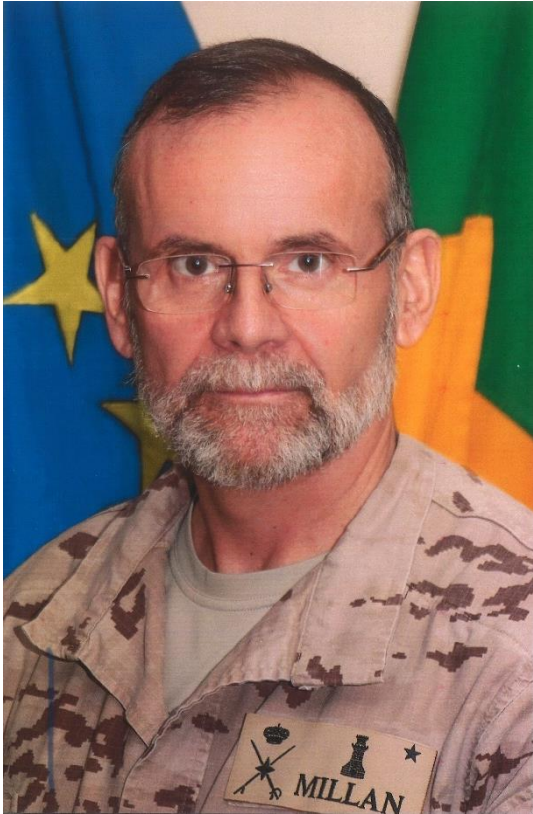
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ERIC HARVENT (BEL)  
(JUL 2016-DEC 2016)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
PETER DEVOGELAERE (BEL)  
(DEC 2016-JUL 2017)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
BART LAURENT (BEL)  
(JUL 2017-JAN 2018)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ENRIQUE MILLÁN MARTINEZ (ESP)  
(JAN 2018-NOV 2018)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
PETER MIROW (DEU)  
(NOV 2018-JUN 2019)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
CHRISTIAN HABERSATTER (AUT)  
(JUN 2019-DEC 2019)



BRIGADIER GENERAL JOÃO PEDRO RATO  
BOGA DE OLIVEIRA RIBEIRO (PRT)  
(DEC 2019-JUN 2020)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
FRANTIŠEK RIDZÁK (CZE)  
(JUN 2020-JAN 2021)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
FERNANDO LUIS GRACIA HERRÉIZ (ESP)  
(JAN 2021-JUL 2021)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
JOCHEN DEUER (DEU)  
(JUL 2021-DEC 2021)





BRIGADIER GENERAL  
CHRISTIAN RIENER (AUT)  
(DEC 2021-JUN 2022)



BRIGADIER GENERAL  
RADEK HASALA (CZE)  
(JUN 2022-DEC 2022)



BRIGADIER GENERAL SANTIAGO JUAN  
FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO (ESP)  
(DEC 2022-MAY 2024)



## PARTICIPATING NATIONS

Austria		Italy	
Belgium		Latvia	
Bulgaria		Lithuania	
Czech Republic		Luxembourg	
Estonia		Netherlands	
Finland		Portugal	
France		Romania	
Germany		Slovakia	
Greece		Slovenia	



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Hungary



Ireland

Spain



Sweden

### Non-European Union countries:

Albania



Georgia

Moldavia

Montenegro



Serbia

United Kingdom

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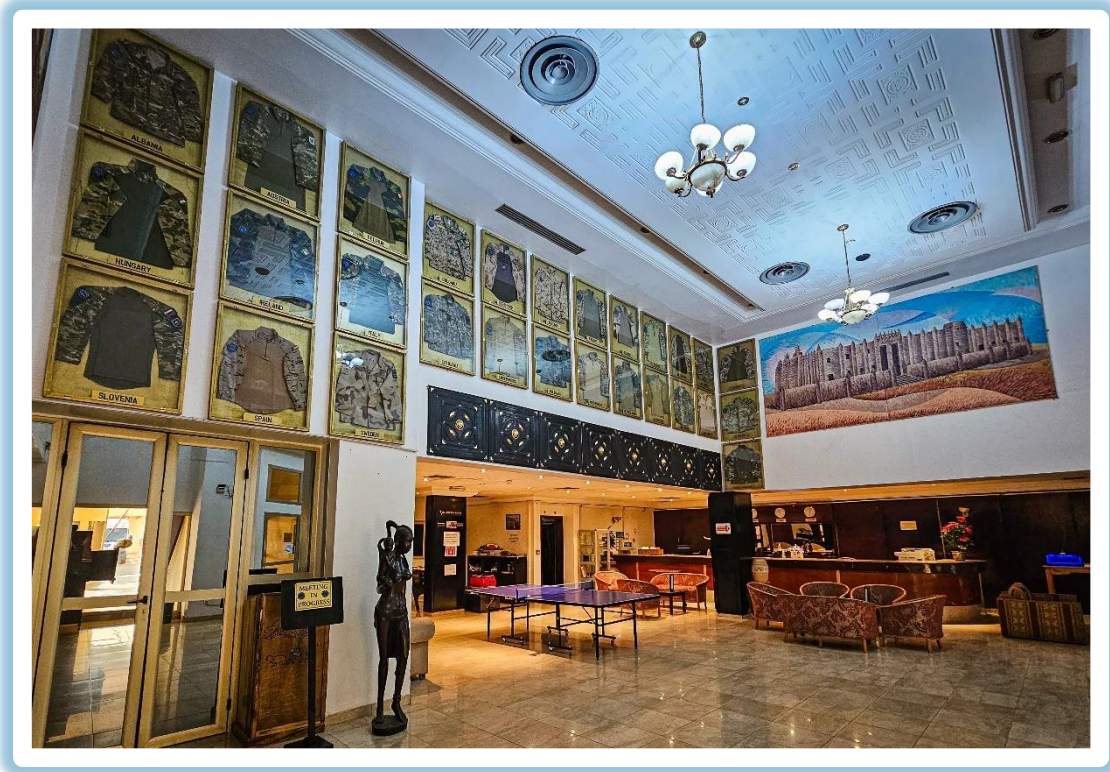
EUTM Mali contingent. May 2019.



Cabinets with gifts.



Mission Force Commander's gallery.



Hall of the Azalai hotel Nord-Sud. Bamako.



NH-90 reconnaissance in the AOR.



Shooting training. Bamako



Spanish Minister of Defence visit to EUTM Mali.



Joint Terminal Attack Controller Course. Koulikoro.





Company Commanders' Course. Koulikoro.



Topography training. Ségou



Civil-Military Co-operation activity. Mafeya.



Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Teams. Gao.



Company Commanders' Course. Katy



Train the Trainers. Sikasso



Company Commanders' Course. Sévaré



Force Protection Unit Train the Trainers. Gao



Company Commanders' Course. Koulikoro.



Spanish Force Protection. Koulikoro



Military parade. Koulikoro.



Counter-Improvised Explosive Device. Koulikoro.



Sport cohesion. Koulikoro.



Social Patrol in Koulikoro.







*All of us who have been part of the EUTM Mali for these 11 years, we will always keep in our hearts the joy, optimism and hospitality of the Malian people.*

*Thank you, you've made us better people!*

*Initié kosobè !*



