



THE MILITARY PLANNING AND CONDUCT CAPABILITY (MPCC)

The Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) was established on 8 June 2017 with the aim of enabling the EU to react in a faster, more efficient and effective manner as a security provider outside its borders. The MPCC is responsible for the operational planning and conduct of the EU's non-executive military missions. It now commands the EU Training Missions (EUTM) in Mali, Somalia, Central African Republic, Mozambique, the EU Military Partner Mission (EUMPM) in Niger and the EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM) for Ukraine.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MPCC

The establishment of the MPCC is part of the broader ongoing work to strengthen the EU's security and defence in line with the implementation of the EU Global Strategy of 2016. The MPCC is a permanent command and control structure at the military strategic level. Since June 2017, MPCC is responsible for the operational planning and conduct of non-executive missions. It was created in the broader framework of strengthening civil/military cooperation, and hence in line with the principle of avoiding unnecessary duplication with NATO. MPCC reports to the Political and Security Committee (PSC), and informs the EU Military Committee (EUMC).

The MPCC enhances the capacity of the EU to react faster and more efficiently to a conflict or crisis, where EU troops are deployed in close coordination with other Common Security and Defence Policy and EU actors in the respective country or region by:



Providing unified command and direction to the different missions in the field



Enabling the mission staff in the field to concentrate on the specific activities of their mission, with higher level support provided from Brussels to their security



Working closely and on a continuous basis with civilian counterparts, most notably the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) through the Joint Support Coordination Cell (JSCC). This ensures maximum coordination of civilian and military synergies and sharing of expertise



Contributing to an increased coherence of different EU actions on the ground in accordance with the EU integrated approach to external conflicts and crises

THE JOINT SUPPORT COORDINATION CELL (JSCC)

brings together civilian and military expertise at the strategic level to further strengthening civilian-military coordination and cooperation in the operational planning and conduct of CSDP missions.

CIVILIAN PLANNING AND CONDUCT CAPABILITY (CPCC)

is the EEAS Directorate serving as the Operational Headquarters for the civilian CSDP Missions.

MEETING THE STRATEGIC COMPASS REQUIREMENTS

In the EU Strategic Compass (2022) the MPCC, once it reaches its full operational capability, is described as the preferred military strategic level C2 structure able to plan, control and command non-executive and executive tasks and operations, as well as live exercises. This will not affect the EU ability to continue using the pre-identified national operational Headquarters. Starting from 2023, live exercises in an EU framework, with the progressive involvement of MPCC will shape the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity. These exercises will also combine civilian and military CSDP elements.

By 2025, the MPCC will be able to plan and conduct:

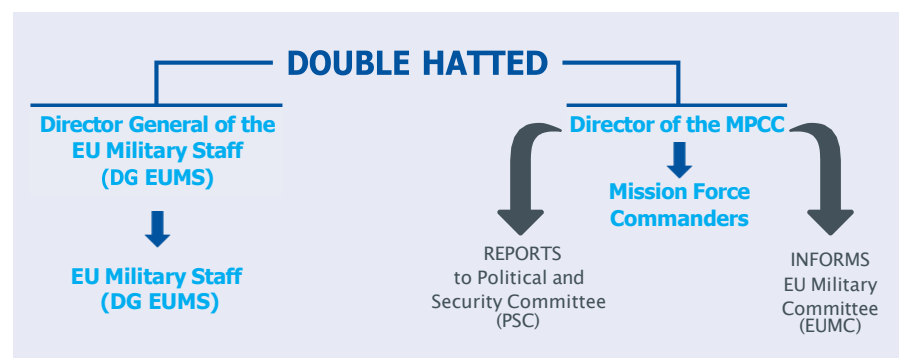
- ✓ all non-executive military missions
- ✓ two small scale or one medium-scale executive operation(s)
- ✓ live exercises

As a next step and upon achievement of this objective, we will also work to further expand our ability to plan and conduct additional non-executive missions and executive operations.

STRUCTURE OF THE MPCC

The MPCC reports to the Political and Security Committee (PSC), and informs the EU Military Committee (EUMC).

The Director General of the EU Military Staff (DG EUMS) is double hatted as the Director of the MPCC and in that capacity he acts as the Mission Commander for all non-executive military Missions. He exercises the command and control over the current four EUTMs (in Mali, Somalia, Central African Republic, Mozambique), the EU Military Partnership Mission (EUMPM) in Niger and the EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM) for Ukraine. The Missions' Force Commanders exercise military command in the Mission Areas.



THE EU'S MILITARY MISSIONS CURRENTLY CONDUCTED UNDER THE MPCC:



EUTM SOMALIA

was launched in 2010 and has ever since contributed to strengthening the Transitional Federal Government and the institutions of Somalia.



EUTM MALI

was launched in 2013 to support the rebuilding of the Malian armed forces and to meet their operational needs.



EUTM RCA

was launched in 2016 and it supports the Central African Republic government in the implementation of security sector reform in the country.



EUTM MOZAMBIQUE

was launched in 2021 to provide training and support to the Mozambican armed forces to protect the civilian population and restore security in the Cabo Delgado province.



EUMAM UKRAINE

was launched the 15 Nov 2022 to tackle urgent and longer-term training needs that will strengthen Ukraine's efforts in defending its territorial integrity and ability to effectively conduct military operations in deterrence of Russia.



EUMPM NIGER

was launched the 20 Feb 2023 to contribute to enhancing the military capacity of the Nigerian Armed forces in its fight against terrorist armed groups in compliance with Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.