

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

European Union Training Mission – Somalia


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Mission Background

The European Union Training Mission in Somalia (EUTM-S) was launched on 7 April 2010, since then its Mandate has been extended seven times, with changes reflecting circumstances on the ground. Due to the political and security situation in Somalia at the time, the Mission initially conducted training in Uganda. This 1st Mandate (2010) was focused on tactical training up to platoon level. The 2nd mandate (2011) was also focused in tactical training but up to company level, introducing specialists training and some train the trainers. The 3rd Mandate (2013) contained a significant change in location relocating the Mission Headquarters in Mogadishu and in focus, with the addition of strategic advisory and mentoring activities to complement the training role. The 4th Mandate (2015) introduced as new tasks the mentoring at the training centre, whilst maintaining its training capability focused on leadership and specialized courses defined jointly with the Somali authorities. The Mission also increased the focus of its advisory component on building long term capability and capacity within the Somali Ministry of Defence (MoD) and SNA General Staff (GS). The 5th Mandate (2017) kept the trace of the precedent Mandate adding the role of mentoring J7 GS. The 6th Mandate introduced the idea of Somali Owned Training System and opened the door to extend the actions to the sectors. And finally we reach the 7th Mandate that started on 01 January 2021 and will finish by the end of this year. This Mandate is keeping the main tasks introduced since 2015 but put the focus on specialized training and decentralized activities.

Mandate and Objectives

In its 7th Mandate, the EUTM Somalia contributes to building up the Somali Security Forces (SSF) accountable to the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), in line with Somali needs and priorities, providing strategic level advice to Somali authorities within the Security Institutions in the Mogadishu Area as well as specific mentoring, advice and capacity building in the training domain. Furthermore when conditions permitting and pending EU Political Security Committee (PSC) approval EUTM-S should be prepared to expand their activities to Regional HQ's. EUTM-S will also provide support, within means and capabilities, to other EU and international actors in the implementation of their respective mandates following PSC guidance and given their values/ principles/ aims and interests aligned with the EU's.

FACTS and FIGURES	
Mission Area: Somalia	
Headquarters: Mogadishu	
Mandate started: 7 April 2010	
Mandate renewed: 1 st January 2021 – 31 th December 2022	
Mission Commander: Brigadier General Roberto VIGLIETTA (Italy)	
Mission Strength: 225	
Troop Contributing Nations: 7 Member States (IT, ES, FI, SE, RO, PT, GR) and 1 third State (SRB)	
Mission Budget: euro 14,5 million (2022)	

Activities

EUTM-S personnel, in liaison with Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS) Strand 2A partners, ATMIS, UNSOM and other international partners play an active role in supporting the Somali military authorities in the design and development of a Somali owned training system. During the 7th Mandate the Training Team (TT) primarily delivered specialized training courses to enhance enabling SNA capabilities, Trainer the Trainers (TtT) courses and staff and leadership courses up to Battalion Commander level. It also provided advice and mentoring to General Dhabagaban training Centre (GDTC) Commander and their staff. Furthermore, they have been mentoring the SNA planning branch. The Advisory Team (AT) is tasked to provide strategic and operational advice to the Somali MoD and SNAF General Staff, supporting the establishment of MoD oversight of SSF, contributing to build an effective SNA GS to plan, supporting SNA in Somalia Transition Plan and coordinating with the International Community through CAS Strand 2A.

Political Control and Strategic Direction

The Political and Security Committee (PSC) exercises the political control and strategic direction under the responsibility of the Council of the European Union and of the High Representative.

Military Direction

For its part, the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) monitors the correct planning and execution of the mission, conducted under the responsibility of the Mission Force Commander, as the rest of non-executive missions carried out by the EU.

The EU's Integrated approach

The EU supports the Somali institutions in the process towards a peaceful Somalia. It continues to engage with the Somali Federal Government and supports its efforts towards improving the living conditions of the population, including in the field of security and the delivery of basic services. The EU supports the principles laid down in the Djibouti Peace Agreement, including the spirit of reconciliation and the search for an inclusive process in Somalia. The Mission supports its sister missions EUCAP – Somalia and EU Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) – Operation ATALANTA, maintains close linkages with EU representations across the area and contributes to the implementation of EU programs. In addition to EUTM Somalia, there are a number of international partners contributing to the development of the security sector in Somalia, with which there is close cooperation. The above is always in accordance with the provisions of the EU Delegation to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

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