



SCHUMAN SECURITY & DEFENCE FORUM 2023

Stronger Together in an Unstable World

Global security challenges require joint approaches and responses. Security and defence partnerships are essential to strengthen and uphold the rules-based international order and effective multilateralism, achieve common goals and build peace and security around the world.

The Schuman Security and Defence Forum brings together the EU and its closest international partners to facilitate dialogue and strategic reflection to address common challenges on a rapidly expanding security and defence agenda.

12 CSDP
missions/
operations
operate in coordination
with African partners



+20

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COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The EU works with the UN
to prevent conflicts, build sustainable
peace and resolve crises, providing:

- + 13 of the 21 EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions/operations are deployed alongside UN missions
- + EU Member States provide 25% of the UN peacekeeping budget
- + The EU supports partners' counterterrorism capacity-building and programmes to prevent violent extremism

The EU and NATO
are expanding their cooperation on many fronts:

- + resilience to hybrid threats
- + protection of critical infrastructure
- + access to emerging and disruptive technologies
- + space
- + climate change
- + foreign information manipulation and interference

EU cooperation with regional organisations

- + Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe: conflict prevention and mediation support
- + African Union: support to peace operations (€2.4bn to African Union Transition Mission in Somalia and other areas e.g. cyber, counterterrorism)
- + Association of Southeast Asian Nations: Maritime security cooperation for a free, open, and secure Indo-Pacific

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND STABILISATION

The EU takes a leading role in peacekeeping operations, conflict prevention and international security. For example, CSDP missions/operations contribute to:

- + a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- + implement the UN arms embargo on Libya
- + maritime security in the North Western Indian Ocean
- + help build stable and peaceful societies across the world

The EU currently operates 21 CSDP missions and operations, 12 civilian and 9 military.

- + Over 20 partner countries have contributed personnel or assets to CSDP missions and operations



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€**7.9**
billion

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Building partners' resilience against



hybrid threats

Cyber | Maritime | Space | Disinformation

STRENGTHENING PARTNERS' CAPABILITIES

The European Peace Facility (EPF) expands the EU's ability to support partners, prevent conflicts, build peace, and strengthen international security.

With €7.9 billion the EPF enhances the EU's geopolitical position as a global security and defence actor by:

- + providing lethal and non-lethal equipment to partners
- + financing peace support operations led by international and regional organisations
- + providing equipment to complement EU training
- + supporting African-led Peace Support Operations with €730 million (2021-2024)

SECURITY AND DEFENCE DIALOGUES

The EU holds regular dialogues and consultations with key partners:

- + thematic dialogues on counterterrorism, cyber, maritime security, non-proliferation, disarmament, arms control and space
- + security and defence dialogues and consultations with more than 20 partner countries and international and regional organisations

SECURING STRATEGIC DOMAINS

- + The EU assists partners to strengthen their resilience to hybrid threats
- + The EU promotes and protects a global, open, stable and secure cyberspace through bilateral, regional, multilateral and multi-stakeholder cooperation
- + Maritime security cooperation with partners to react to growing threats, protect critical infrastructure and the environment
- + Partnerships with the UN, US, NATO and like-minded countries for responsible behaviours in outer space

DISARMAMENT, NON-PROLIFERATION, ARMS EXPORT CONTROL

- + The EU promotes multilateral solutions to support international treaties, organisations, and regimes that ban or restrict nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional weapons
- + The EU and its Member States are one of the biggest donors in the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, disarmament, and arms export controls