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Tijdens haar vergadering van 12 december 2025 heeft de commissie voor Landsverdediging een gedachtewisseling gehouden met de minister van Defensie over het Operatieplan 2026.

De minister van Defensie en luitenant-kolonel Christophe Comhair, directeur Operaties, hebben het Operatieplan 2026 voorgesteld.

Hebben vervolgens het woord genomen: de dames Darya Safai (N-VA), Annick Ponthier (VB), Kristien Verbelen (VB) en Tinne Van der Straeten (Ecolo-Groen) en de heren Christophe Lacroix (PS), Stéphane Lasseaux (Les Engagés), Pierre Kompany (Les Engagés), Axel Weydts (Vooruit), Koen Van den Heuvel (cd&v), Kjell Vander Elst (Open Vld) en Peter Buysrogge (N-VA).

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Bijlage: presentatie Defensie.

Lors de sa réunion du 12 décembre 2025, la commission de la Défense nationale a tenu un échange de vues avec le ministre de la Défense nationale sur le Plan d'Opérations 2026.

Le ministre de la Défense et le lieutenant-colonel Christophe Comhair, directeur des Opérations, ont présenté le Plan d'Opérations 2026.

Ont alors pris la parole: Mmes Darya Safai (N-VA), Annick Ponthier (VB), Kristien Verbelen (VB) et Tinne Van der Straeten (Ecolo-Groen) et MM. Christophe Lacroix (PS), Stéphane Lasseaux (Les Engagés), Pierre Kompany (Les Engagés), Axel Weydts (Vooruit), Koen Van den Heuvel (cd&v), Kjell Vander Elst (Open Vld) et Peter Buysrogge (N-VA).

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PLAN OPERATIES 2026
12 december 2025

PLAN DES OPERATIONS 2026
12 décembre 2025

Inleiding door de Minister van Defensie
Introduction par le Ministre de la Défense

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Strategic Environment

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2 Hybrid, Cyber, Disinformation => national resilience, information warfare

3 Collective Security subordinate to Collective Defence

4 National Security and Defence Plans: energy resilience, critical infra, aid to the nation

5 Political Decision to secure Nuclear Sites, Sp to Police (TBC) and Protection Jewish Institutions (TBC)

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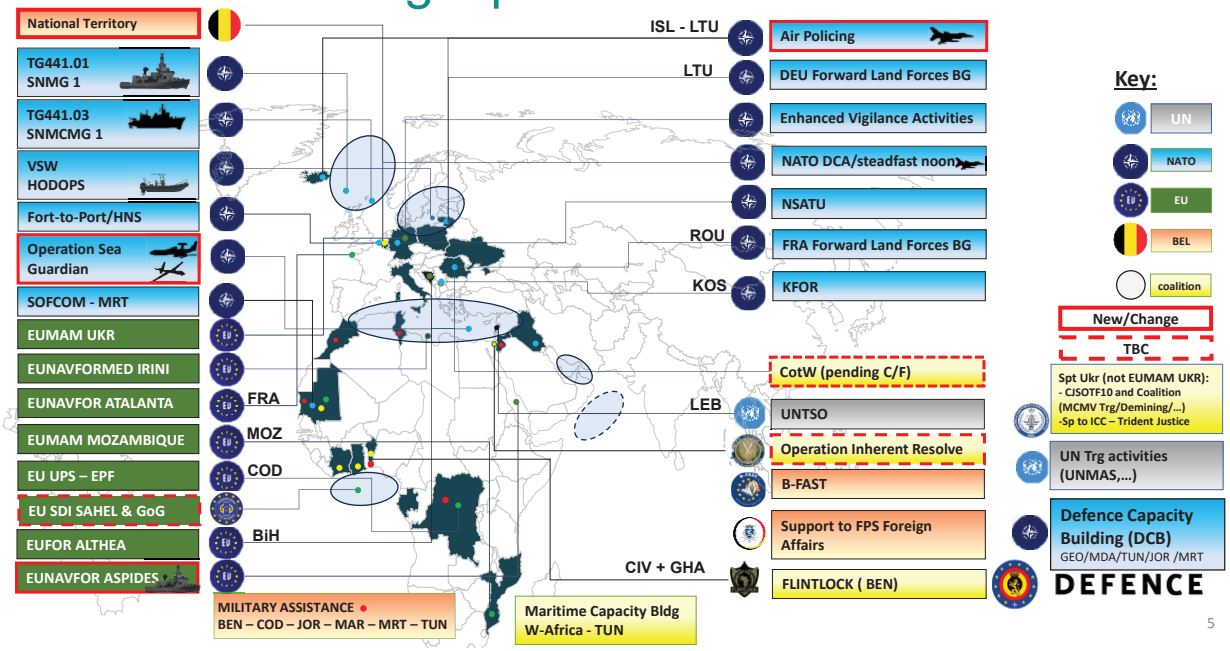
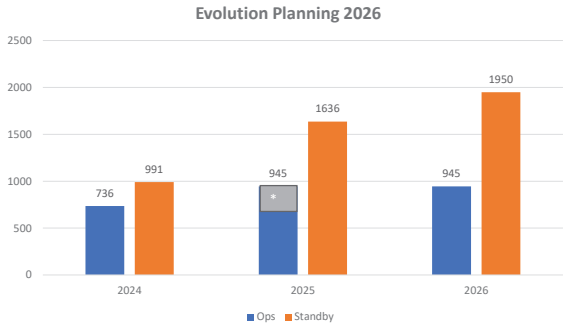
Overview Planning Ops 2026

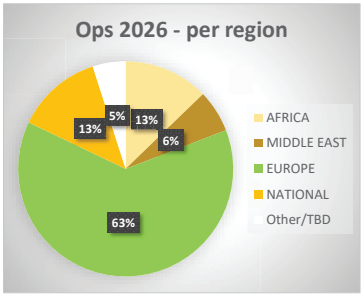


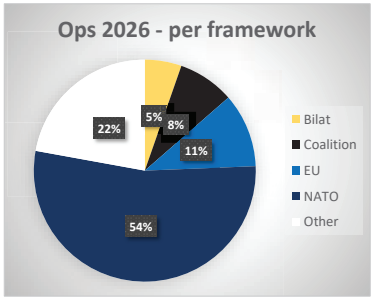
Planning Ops 26

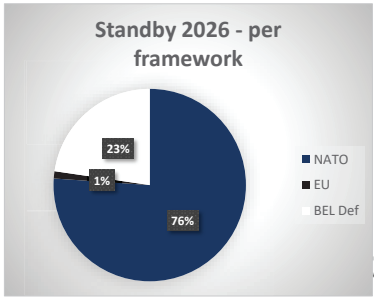
Increase in Ops Output*
Increase in Stby
Significant National contribution

*Dacian Spring









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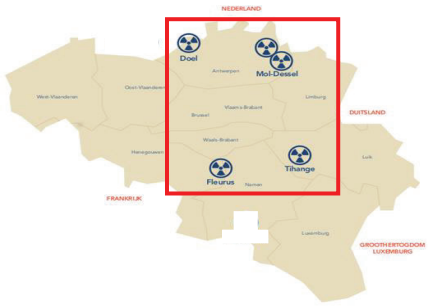

National Territory

Operation Vigilant Protector (OVP)

- Security Class 1 nuclear sites
- Timings :
  - 01 July 2025 : Doel and Tihange
  - 01 December 2025 : Mol-Dessel-Geel
  - 01 April 2026 : Fleurus

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National Territory

Operation Urban Shield (OUS)

- Support to Fed Pol (TBC – 6 months)
  - Spoorweg Politie/ Police des Chemins de fer
  - Full Integrated Police Action
- Protection Jewish Institutions: (TBC – 6 months)
  - Brussels
  - Antwerp

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National Territory

- Quick Reaction Alert (QRA)/Control and Reporting Center (CRC)/National Airspace Security Center (NASC)
- Joint Umbrella
- Search and Rescue (SAR) & Coastal Security (CPV and MIK)
- (BEL) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group (DOVO-SEDEE)
- Burns Centre / Brandwondencentrum / Centre des grands brûlés + MUG (CBRN)
- Cyber (monitoring Foreign Info Manipulation and Interference)
- DLD as Federal Orientation Labo
- Host Nation Support
- PROTER
- National Response Detachment

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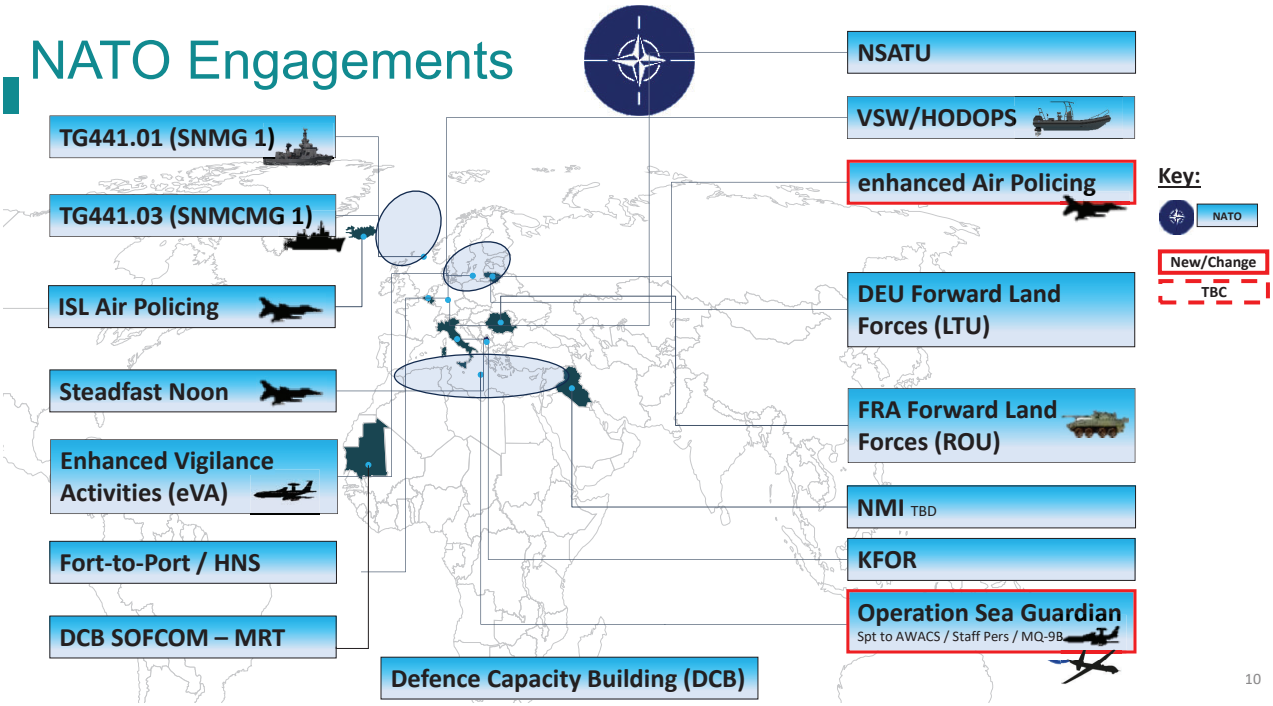
NATO Engagements



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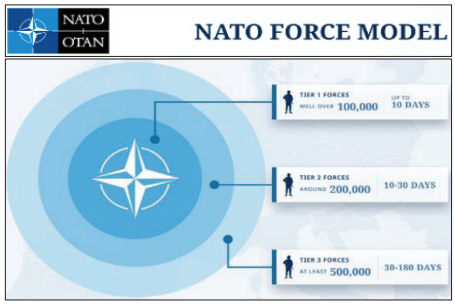
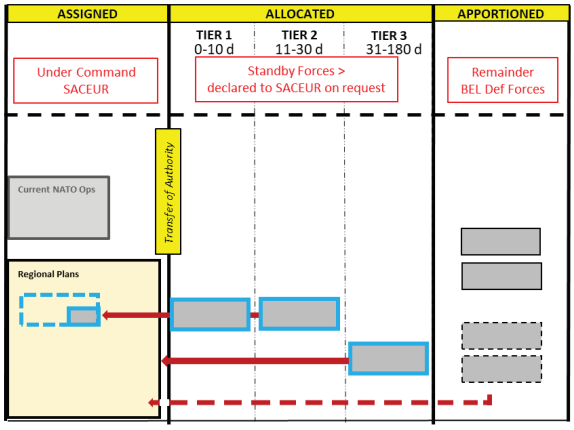
Standby Forces (NATO)





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Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 – SNMG1

- **What**: Alliance presence at sea
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defence of Alliance
- **How**: Continuous multinational, integrated maritime force
- **Who :** BNS LEOPOLD I
- **Where**: Atlantic Ocean

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Standing NATO Mine Counter Measures Group 1 – SNMCMG1

- **What**: Conduct Naval Mine Counter Measures operations
- **Why**: Protect shipping/fishing/ecology
- **How**: Reduce the risk posed by historical ordnance
- **Who :** BNS PRIMULA & BNS LOBELIA
- **Where**: North Sea – Baltic Sea

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Historical Ordnance Disposal Operation “Open Spirit”

- **What**: Detection and destruction of sea mines WW I & WW II
- **Why**: Protect shipping/fishing/ecology
- **How**: Reduce the risk posed by historical ordnance
- **Who :** Very Shallow Water Team
- **Where**: Baltic Sea

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Host Nation Support

- **What**: Reception, Staging and Onward Movement of equipment
- **Why**: **Host Nation Support** (HNS) agreement - DDA
- **How**: Coordination & Force Protection
- **Who :** Multiple units
- **Where**: Belgium

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Air Policing

- **What**: Protect every inch of NATO territory
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defence of Alliance
  Eastern Sentry
- **How**: - IAP: Provide 24/7 air combat alert
  - eAP: Conduct Combat Air Patrol missions
- **Who : -** IAP: 04 F-16
  - eAP: 04 F-16
- **Where**: - IAP: Iceland
  - eAP: Lithuania / Poland (TBC)

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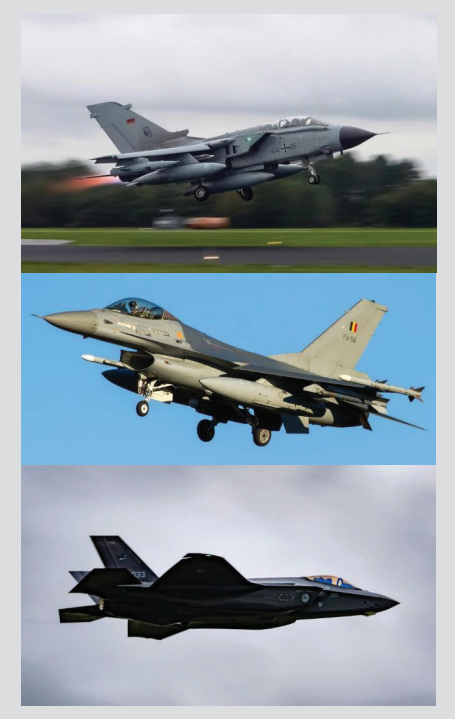

Steadfast Noon

NATO OTAN

- **What**: NATO's nuclear operation planning
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defence of Alliance (DDA)
- **How**: Demonstration of capabilities
- **Who :** 8 F-16
- **Where**: Europe

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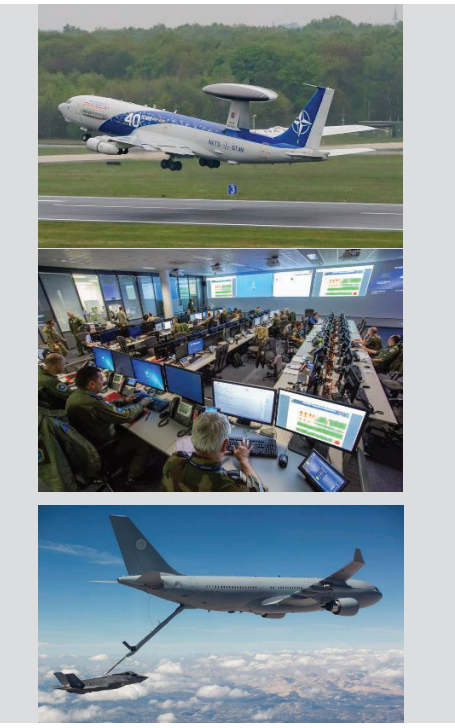

NATO Enhanced Vigilance Activities

NATO OTAN

- **What**: Protect every inch of NATO territory
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defense of Alliance
- **How**: Continuous air activities
- **Who : -** Crews AWACS & MRTT
  - Intel Pers for Imagery/Federated PED Analysis
  - ad hoc contributions
- **Where**: NATO East Flank

PED: Processing – Exploitation – Distribution
MPEP: Military Partneship Exchange Program

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Operation SEA GUARDIAN

- **What**: Build maritime situational awareness and support to maritime counter-terrorism
- **Why**: Maintain a safe and secure maritime environment
- **How**: Continuous multinational cooperation with partner countries and international organisations
- **Who :** - Staff Offr
  - AWACS Pers
  - 1 MQ-9B Det
- **Where**: Mediterranean Sea

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Forward Land Forces – Romania

- **What**: Demonstrate the strength of the transatlantic bond
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defence of Alliance (DDA)
- **How**: Enhanced presence in the eastern part of the Alliance
- **Who : -** CATSG* + CBRN
  - Staff Offr @ Brigade Forward Command Element
  - Staff Offr @ MultiNational Division SouthEast
- **Where**: NATO East Flank - Romania

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* Combined Arms Tactical Sub-Group (Inf Coy + Cbt Engr + CSS Det)

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Forward Land Forces – Lithuania

- **What**: Demonstrate the strength of the transatlantic bond
- **Why**: Deterrence and Defence of Alliance
- **How**: Enhanced presence in the eastern part of the Alliance
- **Who :** - Log team
  - Multi-Sensor ISTAR detachment
  - Artillery detachment
- **Where**: NATO East Flank - Lithuania

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SOFCOM – Mauritania

- **What**: Defence Capacity Building SOFCOM
- **Why**: Support partner nation
- **How**: Assist in integration of women into MAU SOF
- **Who :** TBD
- **Where**: Mauritania

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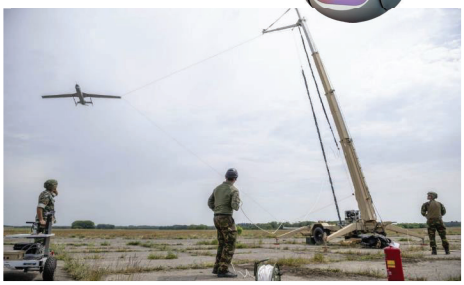

Kosovo Force

- **What**: Establish a safe and secure environment
- **Why**: Stable, democratic, multi-ethnic and peaceful Kosovo.
- **How**: Surveillance of truce borders
- **Who : -** 1 X-300 Integrator UAS-system + Pers
  - Staff officers
- **Where**: Kosovo

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NATO Mission Iraq

- **What**: Non-combat training and advisory mission
- **Why**: Build strong Iraqi Defense System
- **How**: No commitment, pending evolution OIR
- **Who :** TBD pending evolution OIR
- **Where**: Baghdad

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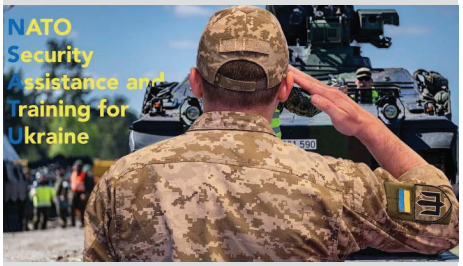

NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine

- **What**: Support Ukraine in war against Russia
- **Why**: Stop Russia's unprovoked invasion
- **How**: Oversee training – Support planning
- **Who :** Staff & support Pers
- **Where**: Multiple Locations

NSATU: NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine

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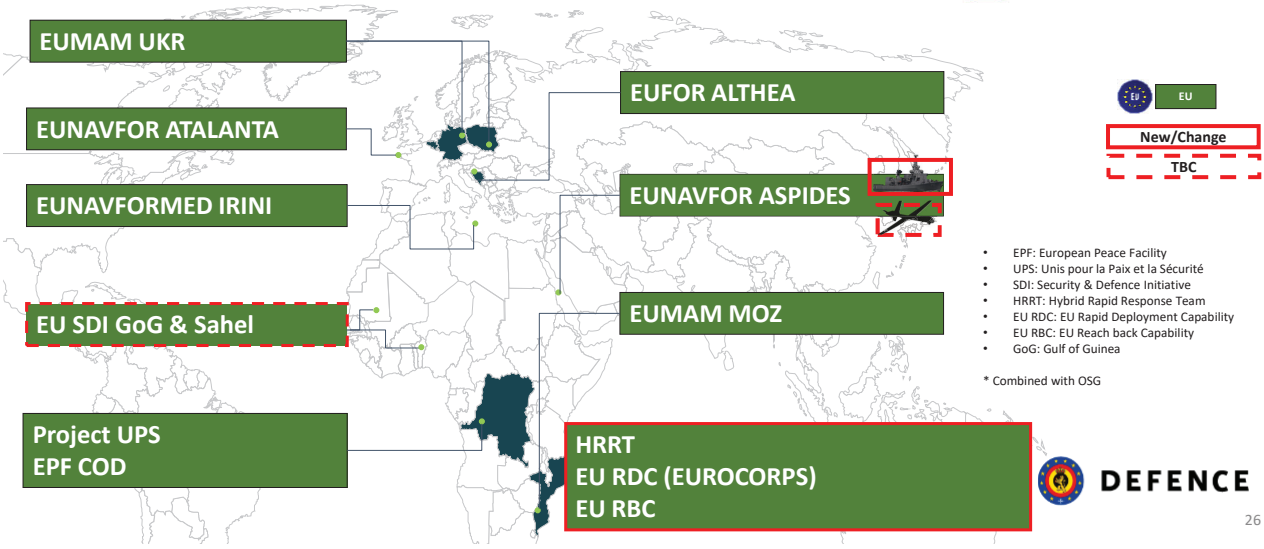
European Union Missions & Projects



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EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine

- **What**: contribute to the Ukrainian Armed Forces' ability to regenerate its forces
- **Why**: Stop Russia's unprovoked invasion
- **How**: Provide training to UKR military
- **Who :** Staff Officers & Instructors
- **Where**: EU and partner territory

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EU Naval Force Operation ATALANTA (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA)

- **What**: Contribute to the maritime security
- **Why**: EU Integrated Approach to Somalia
- **How**: Continuous multinational, integrated maritime force
- **Who :** Staff officers in Maritime Security Centre Indian Ocean (Brest)
- **Where**: Western Indian Ocean and Red Sea

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EU Naval Force – Mediterranean Operation IRINI (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)

- **What**: Inspection of vessels
- **Why**: UN arms embargo on Libya
- **How**: Use of aerial, satellite and maritime assets
- **Who :** Staff officers HQ afloat
- **Where**: Mediterranean sea

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EU SDI GoG & Sahel (TBC)

- **What**: Empowering the security and defense forces of Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin.
- **Why**: To respond to security threats and to tackle the spillover of insecurity from the Sahel to the West African coastal states
- **How**: Implement civilian and military projects that should contribute to enhance resilience in vulnerable areas in the northern regions of those countries.
- **Who:** Instructors
- **Where**: GoG & SAHEL (TBC)

SDI: Security & Defence Initiative
GoG: Gulf of Guinea

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Projects Congo

- **What**: Develop Military Capabilities of Congo
- **Why**: Stable and peaceful Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **How**: EU projects EPF* and UPS*
- **Who : -** UPS Instructors
  - EPF Staff, Instructors and logistical Pers
- **Where**: DRCongo

UPS: Unis pour la Paix et la Sécurité
EPF: European Peace Facility

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EUFOR ALTHEA

- **What**: Supporting the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)
- **Why**: Ensure a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE)
- **How**: EU comprehensive approach for BiH
- **Who :** Staff Officers in EUFOR HQ
- **Where**: Sarajevo

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EU Naval Force Operation ASPIDES

- **What**: Protection of freedom of navigation
- **Why**: EU Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP)
- **How**: Provide maritime situational awareness, accompany and protect vessels
- **Who:** - Staff members in FHQ afloat
  - Frigate BNS LEOPOLD I
  - 1 MQ-9B Det – combined OSG
- **Where**: Red Sea & Indian Ocean

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Mozambique – EU Military Assistance Mission

- **What**: Assist and support the Mozambican armed forces
- **Why**: Protect the civilian population and restore security
- **How**: EU Military Assistance Mission
- **Who :** Staff Personnel in HQ EUMAM
- **Where**: MOZ - Maputo

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Hybrid Rapid Response Team (HRRT)

- **What**: EU initiative to implement and deploy a Hybrid Rapid Response Teams (HRRT) to address hybrid threats (disinformation, cyberattacks, sabotage, etc)
- **Why:** To provide targeted, fast and temporary support to entities affected by hybrid campaigns, by mobilizing civilian and military experts
- **Who:** Team's composition tailored to the mission (15 recommended expert profiles)

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EU RDC – Standby elements (EUBG + Strat enablers) & Modules

- **What**: A modular force of up to 5,000 troops for rapid crisis response
- **Why**: To enhance EU's ability to react quickly and effectively to conflicts and crises (except for Collective Defence tasks)
- **How:** Deploying troops from land, air, and maritime components
- **Who:**
  - Standby: 33 Staff and support personnel from Eurocorps (F)HQ
  - Modules: dual-hatted AIR & MAR NFM commitments
- **Where:** 360° in non-permissive environment outside EU borders

EURDC: European Union Rapid Deployment Capacity
EUBG: European Union Battle Group
NTM: Notice to Move

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EU Reachback Capability

- **What**: Provide products, information, services, applications
- **Why**: For MPCC to be able to fulfil role of preferred OHQ for EURDC or other EU OHQ, to increase mission effectiveness / efficiency, and / or reduce the organic or forward-deployed footprint
- **How**: Ad hoc for a specific period, in the framework of any type of exercises, operations, missions
- **Who:** 01 Reachback Capability Team (RCT) tailored to the request
- **Where:** Belgium

MPCC: Military Planning and Conduct Capability
EU OHQ: European Union Operational Headquarter

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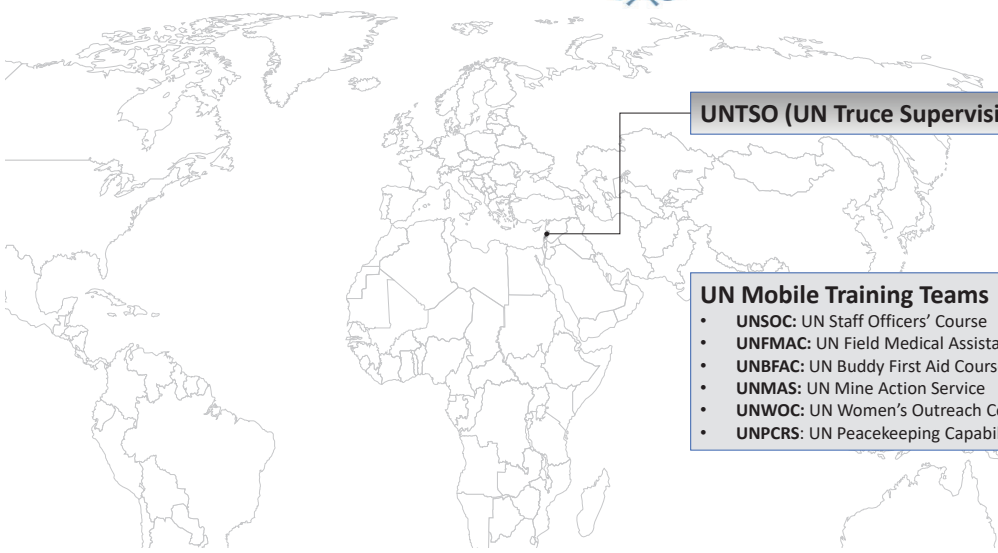
United Nations

Key:

UN



UNTSO (UN Truce Supervision Organisation)

UN Mobile Training Teams

- **UNSOC:** UN Staff Officers' Course
- **UNFMAC:** UN Field Medical Assistant Course
- **UNBFAC:** UN Buddy First Aid Course
- **UNMAS:** UN Mine Action Service
- **UNWOC:** UN Women's Outreach Course
- **UNPCRS**: UN Peacekeeping Capabilities Readiness System

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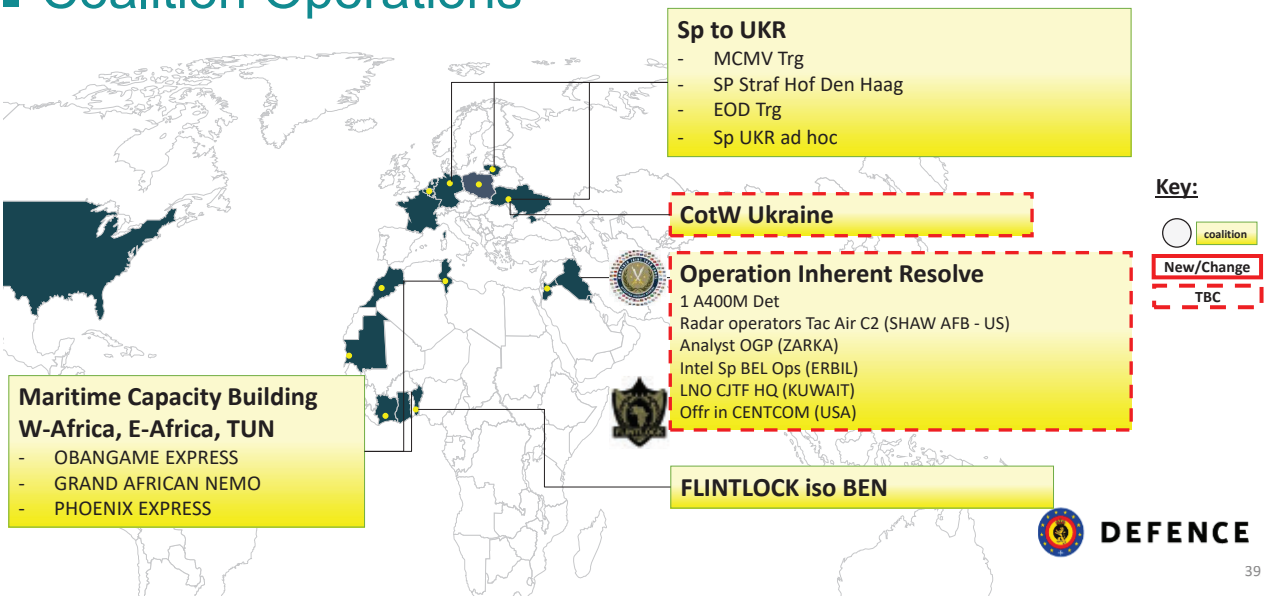
Coalition Operations



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Coalition of the Willing

- **What**: In Sp of UKR, set the conditions for an enduring peace
- **Why**: Avoid new Russia aggression after a ceasefire/peace-agreement
- **How/Who/Where:** Ref. separate CMR file

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Support to UKR

- **What**: contribute to the Ukrainian Armed Forces' build up
- **Why**: Stop Russia's unprovoked invasion
- **How**: On request – eg. Formation of Ukrainian Armed Forces
- **Who & Where :**
  - MCMV training (BEL)
  - EOD
  - Spt Straf Hof Den Haag
  - Ad Hoc (Tailored to Request)

MCMV: Mine Counter Measure Vessel
EOD: Explosive Ordonnance disposal

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Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR)

- **What**: Set conditions for long-term security cooperation frameworks
- **Why**: Defeat Daesh in Iraq and Syria
- **How**: Advises, Assists and Enables partnered forces
- **Who/ Where:** - Radar operators USA
  - Analyst Ops Gallant Phoenix – JOR
  - Intel Sp BEL Ops – IRQ
  - Staff Offr/NCO in CJTF HQ – KWT (IRQ)
  - Ad hoc Offr in CENTCOM
  - A400M (TBC)

CJTF: Combined Joint Task Force
CENTCOM: Central Command (US)

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FLINTLOCK

- **What**: Develop shared understanding of regional problem
- **Why**: Support African partner Special Ops Forces
- **How**: Military assistance (MA) mission
- **Who :** Instructors
- **Where**: Africa (in support of Benin)

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BEL contribution to Naval training in Africa

- **What**: Maritime Capability Building
- **Why**: Support partner nations
- **How**: Multinational naval training activities
- **Who :** Instructors
- **Where**: Benin – Tunisia – Other (TBD)

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Bilateral Operations

COD
- Instruction Ecoles Mil
- Instruction ACAMIL
- Medical support CHRB + Camp KOKOLO
- New initiatives
- Advisor to General Staff COD Armed Forces

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- Fmn Garde Nationale
- Advise Garde Nationale
- Maritime Capacity Building
- ENABEL
- StratCom - Intel – LOAC – PTSD
- CIMIC
- Force Protection Air
- Opposed boarding
- Instruction Ecoles Nationales à Vocation Regionales
- ADIV
- Log Hub steunelement

LUX
- EOD support

TUN
- Formation Techniques Tir de Combat + Fmn snipers + Fmn Med planner

MAR
- Tactical Combat Casualty Care
- New initiatives
- Maritime Capacity Building – SAR

JOR
- Military dog handling
- Exchange of expertise in JTAC-domain

MRT
- Instruction Ecoles Nationales à Vocation Regionales

CHRB: Centre Hospitalier Roi Baudouin
JTAC: Joint Terminal Attack Controller
LOAC: Law Of Armed Conflicts
PTSD Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

New/Change
TBC

SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE / MILITARY ASSISTANCE

DEFENCE

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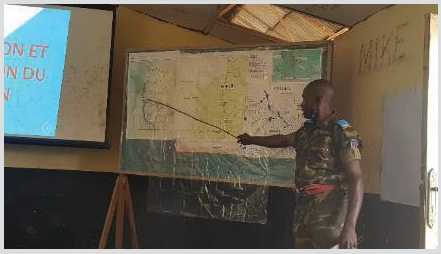

Democratic Republic Congo (COD)

- **What**: Provide Military Assistance
- **Why**: Defense – Diplomacy – Development (3 D) approach
- **How**: Support Educational & Medical programs
- **Who** : - Instruction Ecoles Mil
  - Instr. ACAMIL
  - Medical Sp CHRB + Camp KOKOLO
  - New initiatives (TBD)
  - Advisor to General Staff Armed Forces

DEFENCE

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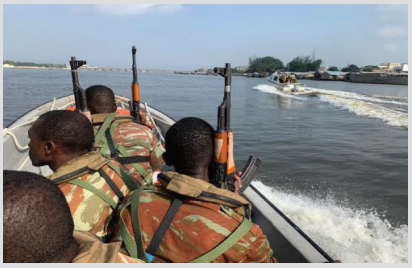

Benin (BEN)

- **What**: Provide Military Assistance
- **Why**: Defense – Diplomacy – Development (3 D) approach
- **How**: - Fmn Garde Nationale
  - Advise Garde National
  - Maritime Capacity Building
  - ENABEL
  - StratCom - Intel – LOAC – PTSD
  - CIMIC
  - Force Protection Air
  - Opposed boarding
  - Instr Ecoles Nationales à Vocation Regionales
  - ADIV
  - Log Hub Support element

LOAC: Law Of Armed Conflict
PTSD Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
CIMIC: Civ-Mil Cooperation

DEFENCE

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B-FAST

- **What**: Support B-FAST operations
- **Why**: Human Disaster Relief
- **How**: Coordination, Planning , Management, Transport…
- **Who :** Modules
- **Where**: Global

DEFENCE

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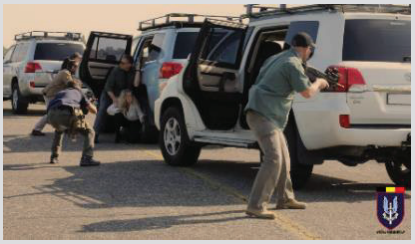

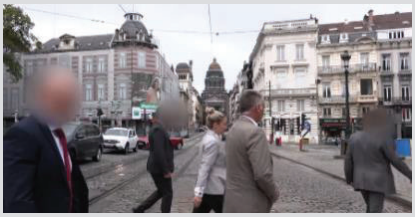

Support Foreign Affairs

KINGDOM OF BELGIUM
Federal Public Service
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Security Agents Team	Close Protection of Belgian embassies
Defense Foreign Affairs Crisis Teams	Update crisis plans iccw Belgian diplomatic representations
Security and Crisis Advisors	Provide advice and guidance on crisis management & security issues
National Response Detachment	Non-combatant evacuation ops (NEO), Hostage Release Ops (HRO) or Opposed Boarding Ops (OBO)

DEFENCE

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Other engagements & Spt to Ops

- EATC Ops Flights ((Re-)Deploy – Resupply - MEDEVAC)
- Individual Augmentees
- BEL Mil in Foreign Units, IOrg & Exchange Prog (Pilot PRT/GBR/USA, …)
- Cyber (i.e. EU Cyber Rapid Reaction Team)
- OSCE – EOD training DUSHANBE (TJK)
- Training Teams
- Contact Teams
- ADIV

EATC: European Air Transport Command
OSCE: Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
EOD: Explosive Ordonnance Disposal

DEFENCE

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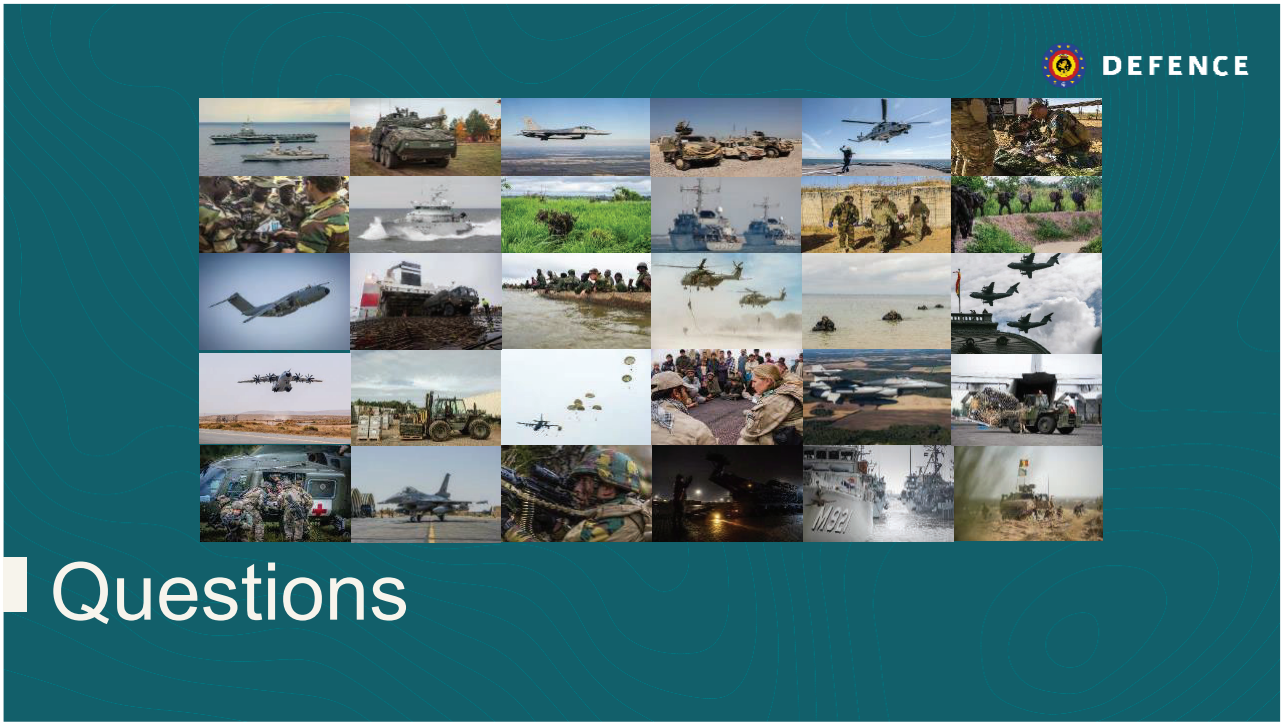

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