



EUROPEAN UNION CAPACITY BUILDING MISSION IN SOMALIA



The European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia) is a non-executive, civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission.

MISSION MANDATE

The Mission is mandated to assist Federal Somali Police Force to enhance law enforcement capabilities while supporting Somali authorities in developing an effective internal security framework and rule of law. The mandate also includes assisting Somalia in strengthening its maritime security capacity in order to enable it to enforce maritime law more effectively.

EUCAP Somalia works with other EU actors present in the country or offshore, including the EU Training Mission, EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA, EU Delegation, EU Commission-funded Programmes and Member States as part of the EU's integrated approach. It also works with like-minded international partners present on the ground.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

Context: The Mission is tasked to advise, train, and equip the Federal Somali Police Force and to support the development of a legal framework for Somalia's internal security architecture. It strengthens synergies between the land and maritime branches of the police and other security sector actors, enhancing their interoperability.

Areas covered: The Mission Headquarters is based in Mogadishu. There are three operational Field Offices (FO): FO Mogadishu, FO Somaliland (working in Hargeisa and Berbera) and FO Puntland (working in Bossaso). The Mission has a back-office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Recent mission achievements:

- ❖ Increased the Somali Police Force command, control and communication capability;
- ❖ Trained Somali Police Force trainers for co-training activities;
- ❖ Enabling the establishment of the Maritime Rescue and Coordination Center in Mogadishu to enhance maritime security coordination along the Somali coastline and in regional waters;
- ❖ Supported the development of Somaliland Coast Guard, including through joint exercises with EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA and the provision of maritime equipment;
- ❖ Trained mobile training units for Somaliland Coast Guard and Somaliland Police;
- ❖ Trained and equipped the Puntland Maritime Police Force - Maritime Police Unit, enhancing their law enforcement capabilities;
- ❖ Supporting the maritime crimes unit of the Somali Attorney General's Office in internal procedures and maritime crimes investigations as well as an internship program for young lawyers in Mogadishu and Puntland.



Mission established by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 16 July 2012 as EUCAP Nestor. Rebranded to EUCAP Somalia by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 12 December 2016.



Head of Mission is Kęstutis Lančinskas (LT). Before assuming this position, he served as adviser for national security issues to the Prime Minister of Lithuania and as Vice-Minister of Interior, responsible for crisis management and state border protection.



Mission's maximum authorised strength is 169 international staff and 53 locally contracted staff.



Duration of mandate EUCAP Somalia has a two-year mandate which can be renewed (currently until 28 February 2027)