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What contribution from EUTM-
Mozambique to the EU credibility and
security in Africa?



Agenda:

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Introduction

The European Union (EU) conducts a wide range of missions and operations under its **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)** to promote peace, stability, and international security. These missions are deployed across Europe, Africa, and Asia, and include both civilian and military components.



Types of EU Missions:

Civilian Missions – Focus on police reform, rule of law, border management, and civil administration (e.g., EUAM Ukraine, EUBAM Libya).

Military Missions/Operations –

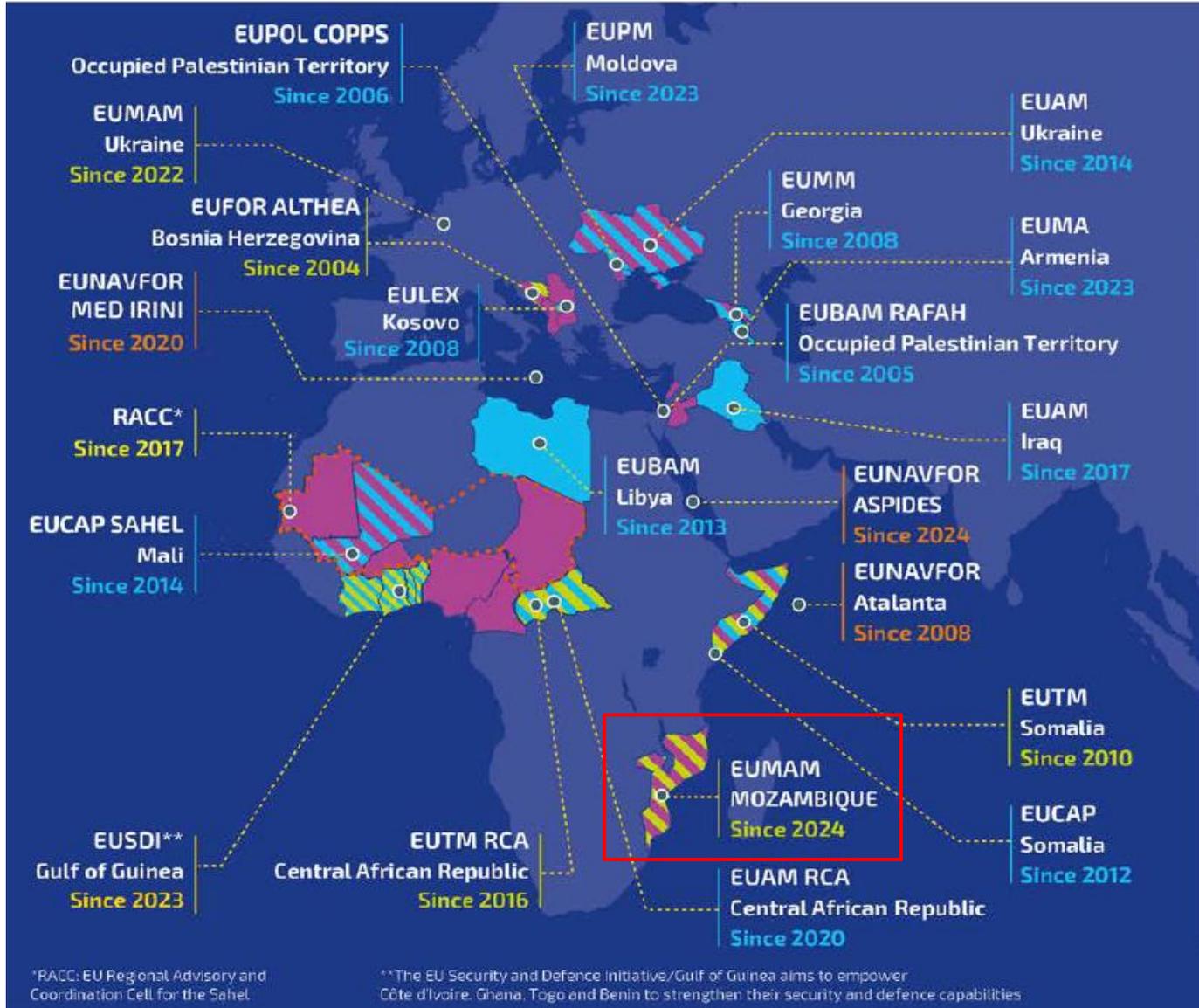
Provide training, security assistance, or direct operational support (e.g., EUTM Mozambique, Operation Atalanta in Somalia).





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Legend:

- █ Military missions/operations
- █ Civilian missions
- █ European Peace Facility assistance measures
- █ Military naval operations/EUNAVFOR

5  Ongoing military missions/operations	12  Ongoing civilian missions
3  Ongoing military naval operations/EUNAVFOR	1  Civilian & military initiative

Integrated Approach:
EU security and defence actions are deployed and implemented in concert with other EU tools and instruments to achieve strategic impact.

Objectives:
Peace-keeping, conflict prevention, strengthening international security, supporting the rule of law, prevention of human trafficking and piracy, contributing to maritime security, providing military equipment and security infrastructure to EU partners.

*RACC: EU Regional Advisory and Coordination Cell for the Sahel.
**The EU Security and Defence Initiative/Gulf of Guinea aims to empower Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin to strengthen their security and defence capabilities.

1. EUTM Mozambique [2021-2024]

The Mission will provide training and support to the Mozambican armed forces to protect the civilian population and **restore security in the Cabo Delgado** province. The mission had a non-executive mandate and will end two years after the mission had reached Full Operational Capability...was extended...[2024-2026]

EUTM Mozambique was one of the tools to **address the regional crisis in Cabo Delgado**, in conjunction with support for peacebuilding, conflict prevention and dialogue support, humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.

(* **Develop capabilities to FADM fight terrorism in Cabo Delgado**)



Chronological timeline of the European Union Training Mission in Mozambique:

- ❑ **July 2021** – The European Council approves the creation of EUTM Mozambique in response to security challenges in Cabo Delgado.
- ❑ **November 2021** – The mission officially launches, with **Portugal** leading and contributions from ten (10) other EU nations. **FOC (2022)**
- ❑ **May 2024** – The mission transitions into the **European Union Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Mozambique)**, expanding its role to include advising and mentoring.
- ❑ **June 2026** – The mission is scheduled to conclude, following its extension by the European Council.



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Key Aspects of EUTM Mozambique (I):

- ❑ **Mission Objectives** – The mission provides training and support to Mozambican forces to enhance their ability to protect civilians and restore security in Cabo Delgado.
- ❑ **Strategic Evolution** – Initially focused on training, the mission is transitioning into a **Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Mozambique)** as of September 2024, incorporating advising, mentoring, and specialized training of FADM.



Key Aspects of EUTM Mozambique (II):

- ❑ **Funding and Duration** – The EU has extended the mission's mandate until June 2026, with a budget allocation of €14 million euros.
- ❑ **Training Focus** – Includes counter-terrorism, operational preparation, protection of civilians, and compliance with human rights and international humanitarian law.
- ❑ **EU's Integrated Approach** – The mission aligns with broader EU efforts in peacebuilding, security, humanitarian assistance, and development cooperation.

(*) EUTM-Mozambique is a well succeeded CSDP Mission in Africa.





Main Objectives:

- Enhancing Military Training
- Supporting the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Operability
- Ensuring Compliance with Human Rights.
- Strengthening Command & Control Structures (also INTEL capability)
- Providing Non-Lethal Equipment – European Peace Facility (EPF)
- Contributing to Regional Stability





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Main achievements of EUTM Mozambique:

- Strengthening Mozambican Defence Forces
- Transition to EUMAM Mozambique
- Improved Counterterrorism Efforts in Cabo Delgado region
- EU Financial Support - European Peace Facility (EPF)
- Regional Stability and Security





3. Contributions to strengthening Mozambique's Security Forces and stabilizing the Cabo Delgado region (I):

- ❑ **Training of Quick Reaction Forces (QRFs)** – The mission has trained 11 QRF units, including Mozambican Navy Fuzileiros and Army Special Forces, improving their ability to respond to security threats.
- ❑ **Reinforcing Operational Readiness** – The trained forces are now capable of conducting counter-insurgency operations, protecting civilians, and restoring security in crisis zones.



3. Contributions to strengthening Mozambique's security forces and stabilizing the Cabo Delgado region (II):

- ❑ **Provide Equipment Support to FADM** – Through the **European Peace Facility (EPF)**, the EU has provided €89 million in non-lethal equipment, including mobility assets, medical support, and technical devices.
- ❑ **Facilitate the Transition to EUMAM Mozambique** – In September 2024, the mission will evolve into the **EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Mozambique)**, expanding its role to include advising, mentoring, and specialized training.
- ❑ **Contribution to Regional Stability** – By strengthening Mozambique's military capabilities, the mission has helped prevent conflict spillover into neighboring countries and reinforced security efforts in Southern Africa





3. From EUTM-MOZAMBIQUE to EUMAM-Mozambique



The **European Union Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique)** officially concluded in September 2024, after successfully training eleven (11 units) of marines and commandos to combat insurgency in Cabo Delgado.

Although EUTM Mozambique has ended, the EU continues its cooperation with Mozambique through the **European Union Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Mozambique)**, which will run until June 2026.

This new phase focuses on advising, mentoring, and specialized training to further strengthen Mozambique's Security Forces...

4. The “new” EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM) Mozambique

EUMAM Mozambique helps the Quick Reaction Forces (QRF) of the Forças Armadas de Defesa de Moçambique (FADM) to achieve a sustainable operational cycle in accordance with International Humanitarian Law no later than June 2026. It combines **advising, mentoring and specialised training.**



Main Objectives of EUMAM Mozambique:

- Advising & Mentoring
- Specialized Training
- Strengthening Command Structures (INTEL)
- Ensuring Compliance with Human Rights
- Providing Non-Lethal Equipment to FADM





The European Union Military Assistance Mission in Mozambique is expected to have a lasting impact on the **country's security strategy** and **regional stability**.

Long-Term Effects:

- Strengthened Military Capabilities of FADM
- Self-Sufficient Quick Reaction Forces (QRFs)
- Improved Counterterrorism Efforts in Mozambique's (and on the region)
- Regional Security Reinforcement
- Sustained EU-Mozambique Partnership in the future.

(*) The presence of EU in Mozambique is well accepted and seen as a strong partner for Peace and Security in the region.



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Conclusion:

- **Improved Security in Cabo Delgado** – Strengthening Mozambique’s Security Forces ability to combat insurgency and protect civilians.
- **Regional Stability** – Preventing conflict spillover into neighboring countries and reinforcing security in Southern Africa.
- **Medium/Long-term presence of the EU in the region**
- **Long-Term Sustainability** – Ensuring Mozambique’s forces can maintain security independently beyond the mission’s conclusion in June 2026.



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