

EU crisis management in Africa

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- **Significance of Africa** for Europe
- **Source of many threats**
 - Armed conflicts, terrorism, religious radicalism, illegal migration, organized crime – spill-over effects
- **Source of many opportunities**
 - Natural resources, sphere of political and economic influence, image of the EU
- **Comprehensive approach:** civilian and military crisis management, development and humanitarian aid, diplomacy, trade, economic assistance, sanctions etc.
- EU aiming at conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peacebuilding
- **Capacity building**
- **Support of the African Union** (mostly financial) – training, advising, mentoring
 - African Peace Facility
- Africa as a **testing ground for EU CM** (along with the Balkans) – ability of the EU to intervene independently
 - Artemis in DR Congo – first military operation run by the EU only
- **Instrumentalization of CM missions** (esp. former colonial powers)

EU civilian crisis management operations in Africa

Mission	Country	Type of mission	Duration
EUPOL Kinshasa	DR Congo	Police	2005-2007
EUSEC RD Congo	DR Congo	Security Sector Reform	2005-2016
EUPOL RD Congo	DR Congo	Police	2007-2014
EU SSR Guinea Bissau	Guinea Bissau	Security Sector Reform	2008-2010
EUCAP Sahel Niger	Niger	Capacity Building	2012+
EUCAP Somalia	Somalia	Capacity Building	2012+
EUAVSEC South Sudan	South Sudan	Aviation Security	2012-2014
EUBAM Libya	Libya	Border Assistance	2013+
EUCAP Sahel Mali	Mali	Capacity Building	2014+
EUAM RCA	Central African Republic	Advisory	2020+

EU military crisis management operations in Africa

Mission	Country	Type of mission	Duration
Artemis	DR Congo	Military	2003
EUFOR RD CONGO	DR Congo	Military	2006
EUFOR Tchad/RCA	Tchad/Cent. African Rep.	Military	2008-2009
EU NAVFOR Somalia	Somalia	Naval	2008+
EUTM Somalia	Somalia	Training	2010+
EUTM Mali	Mali	Training	2013+
EUFOR RCA	Central African Republic	Military	2014-2015
EUMAM RCA	Central African Republic	Military Advisory	2015-2016
EUNAVFOR MED (Sophia)	Southern Central Mediterranean	Naval	2015-2020
EUTM RCA	Central African Republic	Training	2016+
EUNAVFOR MED IRINI	Mediterranean (Libya)	Naval	2020+

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