



# EUROPEAN UNION RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The European Union supports peace and stability in its neighbourhood and beyond. The EU needs to be able to react quickly, robustly and effectively to conflicts and crises outside its borders. To that end, the EU will develop a Rapid Deployment Capacity (EU RDC) consisting of up to 5,000 troops.

The EU Rapid Deployment Capacity can be swiftly deployed to respond to imminent threats and react to crisis situations. It can be tailored to different phases and scenarios, ranging from initial entry, to reinforcement or as a reserve force to secure an exit. The EU Rapid Deployment Capacity will be developed based on specific operational scenarios.

The exact parameters of the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity, including its detailed tasks, composition, and financial aspects, will be further detailed following the adoption of Strategic Compass by the end of 2022 with the aim to reach full operational capability by 2025.

## COMPOSITION



**Modified  
EU Battlegroups**



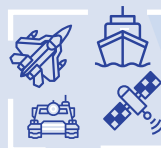
**Tailored force packages  
including air, land,  
maritime, space and cyber  
components**



**Different levels of  
operational readiness**



**Longer stand-by periods**



**Modules composed  
of available Member  
States military forces  
and capabilities and  
additional strategic  
enablers**



**Joint modules and  
strategic enablers (e.g.  
strategic airlift, space-  
based communications,  
medical assets, cyber  
defence capabilities,  
ISR capabilities)**



**Allows tailoring the capacity to the  
mission it is tasked with**



## BUILDING AN EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

The new EU Rapid Deployment Capacity will benefit from the following elements:



**EFFECTIVE COMMAND STRUCTURES**



**COMMON FUNDING AND  
ENHANCED FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY**



**STRATEGIC ENABLERS**



**SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AT ALL  
LEVELS**



**SCENARIO-BASED PLANNING AND  
REGULAR EXERCISES, INCLUDING  
LIVE EXERCISES**



**MORE INTEROPERABILITY**



**MORE FLEXIBLE DECISION-  
MAKING**



**MORE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF  
FORCES TAILORED TO A SPECIFIC  
SITUATION**

## TOWARDS AN EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

### Roadmap

**MARCH 2022**

Agreement to develop EU  
RDC by 2025

**END OF 2022**

Definition and agreement of  
operational scenarios

**2025**

Full operational capability

**NOVEMBER 2022**

Decision on further steps and  
modalities by FAC (defence)

**2023**

First live exercise

