ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB)

OVERVIEW

When?  
16/07/2015 – 03/09/2018

Where?  
Guinea Bissau

How much?  
EUR 15,196,792 million

With whom?  
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Why?  
Providing security and supporting the newly elected authorities in consolidating their authority

How?  
Regional force led by ECOWAS

OBJECTIVES

- Enabling the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea-Bissau (ECOMIB) to provide security and, following the restoration of constitutional order, assisting the new authorities to consolidate their authority and address security challenges.
- Enabling the mission, through the provision of troop allowances, to conduct patrols, ensure the security of institutions and provide healthcare services, as well as support to security sector reforms.
POLITICAL CONTEXT

Moving beyond the political impasse and supporting the newly elected authorities

2012
- Establishment of ECOMIB to manage the post-coup transition in Guinea Bissau.

2014
- Political tensions. Slowdown in key democratic reforms.

2015
- New political crisis weakens the institutions.
- ECOWAS introduces request for APF funding.

2016
- The Conakry Agreement, signed in October by the main political actors, includes a commitment to the appointment by the President of a consensual Prime Minister, the formation of an all-inclusive government and the organisation of a national dialogue roundtable.

2017
- High-level ministerial mediation by ECOWAS Heads of States to put an end to the political stalemate and ensure the implementation of the Conakry Agreement.

2018
- ECOMIB's mandate renewed by ECOWAS Heads of States.
- ECOWAS requests the renewal of APF support for the 3rd phase of the mission (April – September 2018, EUR 5 million).

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.africa-eu-partnership.org #AfricanPeaceFacility

BENEFICIARIES

- ECOMIB staff.
- Troop contributing countries.
- The government and the population of Guinea Bissau.

HIGHLIGHTS

A key role in securing the state institutions

3 troop contributing countries:

- Burkina Faso
- Nigeria
- Senegal

- 681 uniformed elements, including 282 policemen (2015)
- 476 troops and 147 policemen (2017)

Post-election assistance
By securing the president and prime minister’s offices and houses as well as the national electoral commission’s office, ECOMIB acts as an effective deterrent, dissuading any military intervention.

Stabilisation
The mission provides a safe and secure environment and supports the newly elected authorities in the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law.

Capacity building
ECOMIB also plays a role in the demobilisation, reconversion and socio-economic reintegration of the security forces, e.g. through training for military and police personnel.

APF FUNDING

EUR 15 million

- EUR 15 million covering:
  - contributions to troop allowances.
  - a mission support team of accountants to improve financial management of the action.

- Three phases:
  - ECOMIB II: 1 July 2016 – 31 December 2017
  - ECOMIB III: 4 January 2018 – 3 September 2018