EU Support to G5 Sahel Joint Force

OVERVIEW

When? Since August 2017
Where? Sahel region (Mali, Niger, Chad, Mauritania, Burkina Faso)
How much? EUR 100 million
With whom? Expertise France, United Nations Secretariat, OHCHR
Why? Increasing regionalisation of terrorist threats
How? Support to the G5 Sahel Joint Force

OBJECTIVES

- Contributing to the re-establishment of effective state control over areas affected by armed terrorist groups and criminal groups in order to create favourable conditions for the socio-economic development of the G5 Sahel region.
- Ensuring that the Force’s headquarters and command posts are adequately manned and equipped.
POLITICAL CONTEXT

Unprecedented political and financial support

APF FUNDING

EUR 100 million

EUR 100 million of APF Funds

→ EUR 75 million
for the provision of services, equipment and services
  to the G5 Sahel Joint Force
  (implemented through Expertise France)

→ EUR 10 million
  to support MINUSMA in its logistical and operational support
  to the G5 Sahel Joint Force on Malian territory

→ EUR 10 million
  for the establishment and implementation
  of a human rights and international humanitarian law
  compliance framework for the operations of the G5 Sahel
  (implemented through OHCHR)

→ EUR 5 million
  to support the governance structure of the G5 Sahel

< 14.7 million of EU Member States funds channelled through APF.

BENEFICIARIES

● G5 Sahel Joint Force → 5,000 troops from 5 Sahel countries:

  Burkina
  Faso
  Chad
  Mali
  Mauritania
  Niger

● The governments and populations of the affected countries.

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2017

● 7 February 2017: At the third G5 Sahel Summit in Bamako, Heads of States of Mali, Niger, Chad, Mauritania and Burkina Faso decided to establish a G5 Sahel joint force, in line with the December 2015 declarations. Objective: to mutualise G5 Sahel member states’ efforts in the fight against common security threats, with the view of ensuring a favourable environment for the socio-economic development of the region.

● 8 March 2017: The concept of operations (CONOPS) of the joint force was validated by the G5 Sahel Chiefs of Staffs in Bamako on and endorsed by the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC) on 3 April 2017.

● October 2017: The Joint Force reached its initial operational capability and conducted its first official operation (Hawbi).

2018

● February: EUR 414 million pledged in support of the G5 Sahel Joint Force (including 76 M € from EU Member States). Announcement of a new EUR 50 million contribution from the European Union through the APF.

● APF support to the G5 Sahel Joint Force is part of the EU’s integrated approach to the Sahel region. It is complementary to ongoing development initiatives, including under the EU Trust Fund for Africa, actions under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, as well as CSDP missions in the region (EUTM Mali, EUCAP Sahel Mali and EUCAP Sahel Niger) and the deployment of EU Member States experts under Article 28.