

African Peace Facility

Since the establishment of the African Peace Facility (APF) in 2004, the EU has channelled € 740 million through this instrument.



In 2007, the [African Union \(AU\)](#) and the EU decided to **broaden the scope of the African Peace Facility** to cover conflict prevention and post-conflict stabilisation as well as to accelerate decision-making and coordination processes.

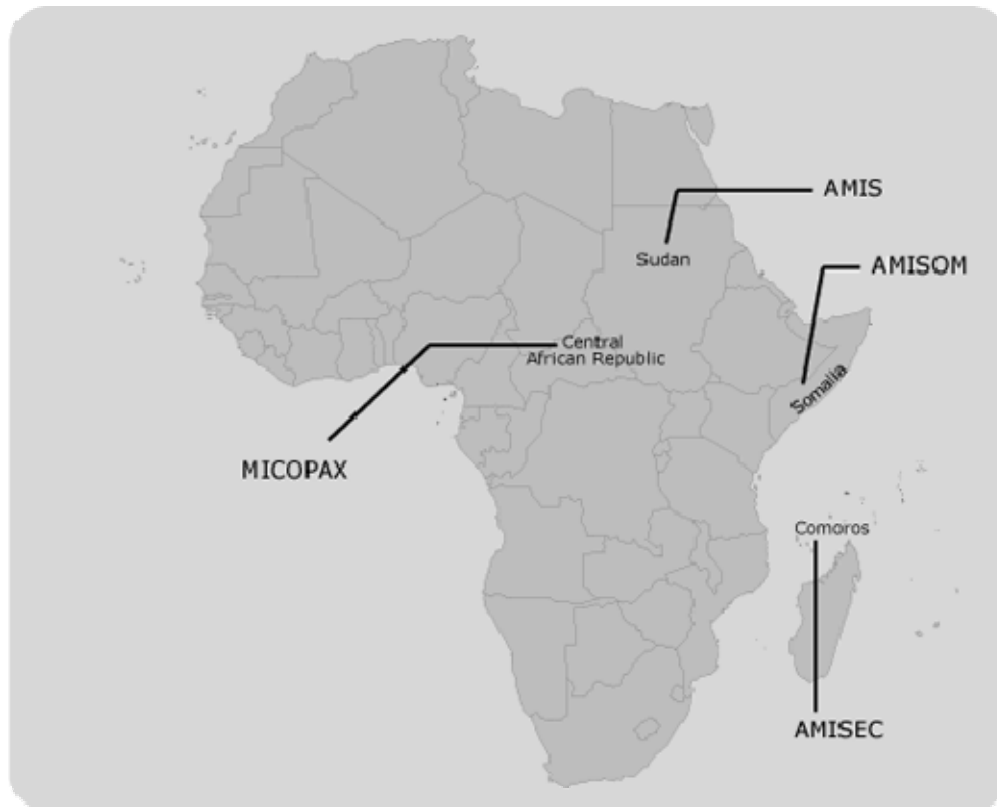
In line with the priorities of the [Partnership on Peace and Security](#) of the [Joint Africa-EU Strategy](#) , African Peace Facility (APF) funds have been allocated as follows:

- 1) Capacity Building** : An amount of **€ 100 million** have been allocated for the Operationalisation of African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and Africa-EU dialogue. EU support aims at strengthening the capacity and effective functioning of the various components of the APSA and at reinforcing the political dialogue by improving cooperation on the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa.
- 2) Peace Support Operations (PSO)** : An amount of **€ 600 million** has been earmarked for this purpose. The funding of Peace Support Operations represents the core activity of the African Peace Facility (APF). EU support aims at providing sustainable and predictable funding, enabling the AU and African sub-regional organisations to plan and conduct peace support operations.
- 3) Early Response Mechanism (ERM)**: An amount of **€ 15 million** have been allocated to finance preparatory stages of Peace Support Operations or initial steps of mediation processes, where urgent funding is required.
- 4) Contingencies**: An amount of **€ 40 million** have been earmarked for unforeseen needs in case any of the above-mentioned budget lines is depleted.

Additional funds have been assigned to cover costs for activities, such as audit, monitoring, visibility, evaluation and technical assistance.

Peace Support Operations

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Ongoing missions:

- African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)
- Consolidation of peace in the Central African Republic (MICOPAX)

Accomplished missions:

- African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS)
- Operations of the securisation of the elections in the Comoros (AMISEC)

Capacity Building Activities

Capacity building is a major component of the African Peace Facility. The objective of the capacity building programmes is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the African Union and the African regional organisations on the planning and conduct of peace support operations in Africa. An amount of € 100 million has been allocated for this purpose.



There are **three ongoing** EU capacity building programmes:

- Strengthening the Peace and Security Department of the African Union Commission.
- Strengthening African conflict prevention capacities (e.g. Early Warning System).
- Reinforcing the planning and management capacities of the African Union Commission, the Regional Economic Communities and the African Standby Force.

Past activities under the capacity building programme:

- Financing of African Standby Force workshops

African Peace and Security Architecture

The African Peace Facility has promoted the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) investing **€ 35 million** in it. APSA role is to deal with prevention management and resolution of conflicts in Africa. The African Union Peace and Security Council is its core organ.

EU support to APSA includes:

- Supporting African mediation structures and initiatives.
- Support to the Panel of the Wise, Peace and Security Council, Continental Early Warning System, African Standby Force.
- Reinforcing the capacity of the African Union and African Regional Organisations in the areas of financial management for peace support operations, planning and human resources.

Case studies

1. Regional Economic Communities' liaison offices

Through the capacity building programme, the European Union is financing Regional Economic Communities liaison offices to the African Union in Addis Ababa. The **result** has been an enhanced dialogue between the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities leading to more coordinated activities in the field of peace and security.

2. Support to the African Early Warning System

The EU supports the establishment of a Continental Early Warning System in order to facilitate the prevention of conflicts. As a **result** of this support, the Early Warning System is now able to provide reliable and up to date information on selected conflict zones.