EUROCORPS

A FORCE FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NATO

Lieutenant-general Alfredo RAMIREZ
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“Europe is chiefly a ‘Soft Power’. But even the strongest soft powers cannot make do in the long run without at least some integrated defence capacities”.

*President Jean-Claude JUNCKER (2015)*

Crisis Management and Crisis Response operations require a comprehensive set of tools.
Eurocorps, as a CORPS HQ, remains the best suited military tool to cope with a challenging strategic scenario.
EUROCORPS is an Army Corps Headquarters:

NATO experienced, perfectly skilled and equipped

but also

with a unique political EU dimension,

which is widely employed, and whose

ambition is to become the preferred HQ in any EU operation
European roots and political tool, from the very beginning

1992, La Rochelle: a political will

Directly subordinated to CHoDs and POL DIR

2009, Treaty of Strasbourg: Financial and legal autonomy
A UNIQUE MULTINATIONAL STRUCTURE: LEGITIMACY

- Balanced multinationality
- Responsibility and burden sharing
- Lower cost for each nation

5→6 Framework nations

- France 314
- Belgium 143
- Germany 254
- Luxembourg 2
- Poland 120

3→4 associated nations

Spain 152

Italy 2

Greece 2

Romania 2

Turkey 3

Near future
HQ Eurocorps deployability & readiness: NATO experience

Mission experienced
- 4 mission deployments
- 2 stand-by commitments

Fully equipped, rapidly deployable
- Own support elements,
- Tents, containers, vehicles and communications means available
OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS: EU focus, 2015-2017

EU BG: Force Headquarters
2016/2 and 2017/1

EUTM MALI: Mission Headquarters 2015/2

2016-2017 other EU missions, under discussion
EUROCORPS: MODULAR ROLES FOR THE BENEFIT OF EU MISSIONS

- Training missions (such as EUTM)
- Security Force Assistance missions (SFA)
- Capacity Building missions in EU framework
- Monitoring missions in complex environments, with focus on intelligence management and operational planning
- Deployable HQ and command and control structures in crisis reaction
HQ EC mainly deployed for EU missions

Post Allocation Conference

- Political dimension
- Joint structure

HQ EC ready for additional commitments

Strengthen links with EU institutions

HQ EC-EU Framework Document

Official relationship

- First step – LoI HQ EC-EUMS
- Final Step – STRATEGIC ARRANGEMENT
EUROCORPS in a nutshell

- A UNIQUE STATUS
- MULTINATIONAL IN EVERY SENSE
- HIGHLY OPERATIONAL
- RAPIDLY DEPLOYABLE
- EXPERIENCED AND NATO CERTIFIED
- READY TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES
- 2015-2017 MISSIONS - EU ORIENTED

Our ambition: to be operationally employed

EC as EU preferred HQ in any EU operation
EUTM MALI DEPLOYMENT

- Training and Advisory Mission
- **NO** Executive Mandate
- Limited Mission Area
- More than 20 Participating Nations
- Mandate until **18MAY2016**
ACHIEVEMENTS  EUTM MALI END OF 2015

Direct Training MaAF*
- 8x GTIA, Main Effort
- 2x Company Commander Course
- 3x Train the Trainers Course

Assist the MaAF Reform*
- Loi d’Orientation et de Programmation
- Follow on Documents
- Structures

Self sustaining Training Capabilities*
- Trainers and Leadership
- Training System
- Basic Training Layer

* Mission Plan Mandate 2
$1^{\text{st}}$ and $2^{\text{nd}}$ MANDATE

= “GTIA FACTORY”

$3^{\text{rd}}$ MANDATE

≠ “GTIA FACTORY”
EVOLUTION  EUTM MALI TRAINING & ADVISE

MaAF

2013

EUTM

MaAF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

ORGANIC & OPERATIONAL C2 & SUSTAINMENT

EDUCATION

MILITARY REGIONS GARRISONS

PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING

2018 (?)
CHANGES FOR MANDATE 3

Mobile Advice & Training

Pre-deployment Training

Strategic Advice

Strategic Operational Tactical

Future Organic Structure / Garrisons

Leadership & Command Training

Direct Training

ADVICE

Prerequisite for

Prerequisite for

Indirect Training
EUTM MALI ENVIRONMENT

Algiers Peace Accord as the overall umbrella

Structures

Bilateral EU Member States

Projects

LOPM

“System” MaAF

EUTM MALI ENVIRONMENT
CONCLUSIONS

Leaders & unit commanders EDUCATION

Strategic/operational/tactical ADVISE

Decentralized indirect TRAINING

Operational and Pre-deployment Training

MaAF capacity development

EU Realistic Level of Ambition according to Malian standards not western standards
ADVANTAGES FOR EUTM MALI

Benefit of

- daily multinational experience in EUROCORPS HQ

- existing working relations of key personnel

- being used to work at the operational level and in an comprehensive environment

Proof that EUROCORPS is perfectly suited as EU MHQ/FHQ for this kind of missions
ADVANTAGES FOR EUROCORPS

Expertise in

- EU lead Operations at all levels

- possible African Mission Areas and Support Missions

- direct liaison with the COPS an the EU Actors Framework (True comprehensive approach)

- working with the ATHENA process

Excellent preparation for EUBG