

**Question for written answer E-003282/2023  
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs  
and Security Policy**

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Subject: European air security operations

The Strategic Compass for Security and Defence calls on the Union to develop a military concept for air security operations by 2023. This is in line with the broader objective to enhance the EU's crisis management capabilities, in which connection air security operations play an important role. This concept touches upon a wide range of aspects of air operations such as surveillance, evacuations but also disaster response and observation. An effective capacity in this area is extremely important for the security of European citizens, as demonstrated by evacuations from Afghanistan, Sudan and more recently Israel.

Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy provide a status update regarding this military concept?

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