

**Question for written answer E-000442/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: European presence in the Indo-Pacific

The European Union and its Member States have a long history of involvement with the Indo-Pacific. The growing importance of the region for the global economy has compelled the EU to have a stronger presence there, including militarily. In 2022, the EU Strategic Compass also articulated the ambition to deepen the European presence in 2023 through new maritime exercises in the region in cooperation with our partners.

1. Have the intended maritime exercises already taken place?
2. Has the war in Ukraine had an impact on European commitments towards the Indo-Pacific?

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