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Editorial — What we are hearing in Brussels & Beyond

The 2025 edition of the World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report points to an increasingly fractured global landscape, with threats to the international system. State based armed conflict is set out as a pressing immediate global risk. It is the case that the portion of the world affected by conflict has grown, while a sense of uncertainty and unpredictability prevails. In addition to wars, there are a myriad of challenges notably inter state tension, transition in the world order, testing of boundaries of international law, erosion of agreed frameworks and structural issues linked to the multilateral system.

In such a disconcerting environment, it is encouraging that many governments are looking to the United Nations given its foundational goal of preserving international peace and security as set out in the UN Charter. UN Secretary-General Guterres vividly outlined the task at hand in his 2024 report on the work of the Organization (document [A/78/1](#)), stressing that people want peace with security and dignity, and frankly, they want peace and quiet — from anger, hate and war. This is a monumental task and one that becomes even more difficult to grasp is a world that is adrift. However, signposts are emerging in terms of what needs to be done. Our UN liaison office in Brussels is increasingly hearing from diplomats on the ground across Europe as well as from European-based institutions that in a world of geopolitical divides with a gaping trust deficit, the convening power of the United Nations and the good offices of the organization becomes ever more important to drive a global peace and security agenda. Moreover, we are being told that the UN toolbox, including UN chapter VI and chapter VII operations, can play an important role, despite geopolitical divides. Indeed, a growing number of informed opinions from our interlocutors suggests that the UN peace and security framework provides additional guardrails to mitigate conflict and help manage and de-escalate global peace and security tensions. In essence, we are receiving a

clear and positive message of support for UN leadership and UN mandates on peace and security files.

While the message of support is promising, the challenge of addressing peace and security issues remains daunting. The effective navigation of these intricate issues necessitates the mobilization of significant political capital, the deployment of nimble, innovative, and agile strategies, and the provision of robust technical support, while financing remains a prerequisite. In ensuring that the UN toolbox is well equipped to respond to opportunities to pursue peace and security, we look to partners, including the EU and European member states.

This Bulletin unpacks facets of the UN-EU partnership work on peace and security, including on conflict prevention and mediation, climate, peace and security and work on peacekeeping, peacebuilding and counter-terrorism. Updates are also provided on visits of senior UN officials to Brussels and exchanges with NATO.

As we look ahead, it becomes more abundantly clear that supporting and working through the United Nations on peace and security issues in many cases is not only the most legitimate option on hand, but, in some cases, the only feasible option. With this in mind, we look to partners to bolster UN efforts to help address the growing peace and security challenges in the context of fundamental changes in the international system.

In order to do so, we are in the process of finalising a new framework with the EU, setting out joint priorities for the coming three years. We are also looking to existing fora, such as the annual UN-NATO staff talks and the annual UN-EU high level dialogue, to provide ongoing direction for enhancing partnership in spite of, or perhaps because of, turbulent times.

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Visit of the Secretary-General to EU Headquarters



UN Secretary-General António Guterres and European Commission President Von der Leyen in Brussels on 20 March

UN Secretary-General António Guterres was invited to attend a working lunch with the heads of state and government of the 27 EU member states, at the European Council on 20 March. Speaking to the press, the Secretary-General expressed his appreciation for the UN's partnership with the European Union, reiterating that it is a fundamental pillar of the multilateral response to the challenges we face in peace and security, climate, sustainable development and human rights. The Secretary-General appealed for peace in Ukraine respecting the UN charter, international law, Security Council resolutions and its territorial integrity, as well as renewed his appeal for respect of the ceasefire in Gaza, for unimpeded humanitarian access to all areas of Gaza, and for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages.

UN-NATO staff talks

UN-NATO staff talks were held at the UN Headquarters in New York on 12 March 2025. Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Rosemary DiCarlo, and Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, welcomed NATO Assistant Secretary General for Political and Security Policy, Boris Ruge, to the UN headquarters. They exchanged views on the UN outlook on the Pact for the Future, peacekeeping, geographical files and key thematic files, including Protection of Civilians (PoC) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS). The UN-NATO staff talks were followed by UN-NATO expert-level discussions that took place in hybrid form on 13 March, focusing on thematic topics, including Climate, Peace and Security, Children and Armed Conflict, Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), and arms control, including Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).



UN USG for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo (left), UN USG for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix (right) and NATO ASG for Political and Security Policy Boris Ruge in New York on 12 March

Peace and Security Under-Secretaries-General visited Brussels

Visit of USG DiCarlo



USG DiCarlo and EEAS Secretary General Carbonell

USG for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Rosemary DiCarlo, visited Brussels on 19-21 March for meetings with senior EU interlocutors. Briefing the EU's Political and Security Committee (PSC), she welcomed the strong UN-EU partnership on peace and security. She updated EU PSC Ambassadors on DPPA work and also met with the EEAS Secretary-General, Belen Martinez-Carbonell, and other senior EU officials.

Visit of USG Lacroix



USG Lacroix and Slovenia's EU PSC Ambassador Novak

USG for Peace Operation, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, visited Brussels on 24-25 March and updated EU and Belgian interlocutors on the political context for UN peacekeeping, the peacekeeping reform agenda including the upcoming ministerial in Berlin and key geographic files. He also met with the Director General of the European Commission humanitarian directorate general (ECHO), the EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes, and the Director-General of the EU Military Staff, in addition to a bilateral meeting with the Belgian foreign ministry.

Joint Heads of UN Military and Police Components Conference

The 1st joint Heads of UN Military and Police Components Conference was held on 8-9 October 2024 in Brussels, where USG Lacroix, UN Police (UNPOL) Advisor Shahkar, and UN Acting Military Advisor MajGen Pearce also participated. They discussed how to achieve further integration and interoperability between the two components of UN peace operations. The conference also provided an opportunity to exchange with the EU Military Staff (EUMS) and the EEAS CivOps HQ. A special thanks to Ireland, Portugal and Norway for supporting the conference.



Participants of the 1st joint Heads of UN Military and Police Components Conference, 9 October, Ireland's Permanent Representation, Brussels

UN-EU Institutional Dialogue on Peace and Security

The Sixth EU-UN Dialogue on Counter-terrorism



UN USG for Counter-Terrorism, Vladimir Voronkov

On 3 December 2024, the EU and UNOCT convened their Sixth Dialogue on Counter-terrorism in Brussels, reaffirming their shared commitment to combatting terrorism and violent extremism worldwide. The Dialogue was co-chaired by Mr. Maciej Stadejek, Deputy Managing Director for Security and Defence Policy at the EEAS, and Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director of UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of UNOCT and included opening remarks from Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, UN Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism. CTED, UNODC, UNDP, and 1267 Monitoring Team representatives also joined the event. The Dialogue was preceded by five online staff talks, allowing EU and UN staff to exchange views and formulate recommendations in future areas of cooperation.

Participants took the opportunity to review key policy developments and ongoing activities since their last dialogue in July 2023, including progress made by the UN system on the General Assembly mandates emanating from the eighth review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. Participants also identified respective priorities including within the framework of the Pact for the Future adopted at the Summit of the Future in September 2024. They emphasised the importance of upholding human rights, the rule of law, and gender-responsive approaches in counter-terrorism efforts, while actively involving civil society. They also exchanged views on thematic areas of common concern, such as the misuse of new technologies by terrorist groups; the use of strategic communications to counter extremist narratives; and pathways for the prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of foreign terrorist fighters and their families.

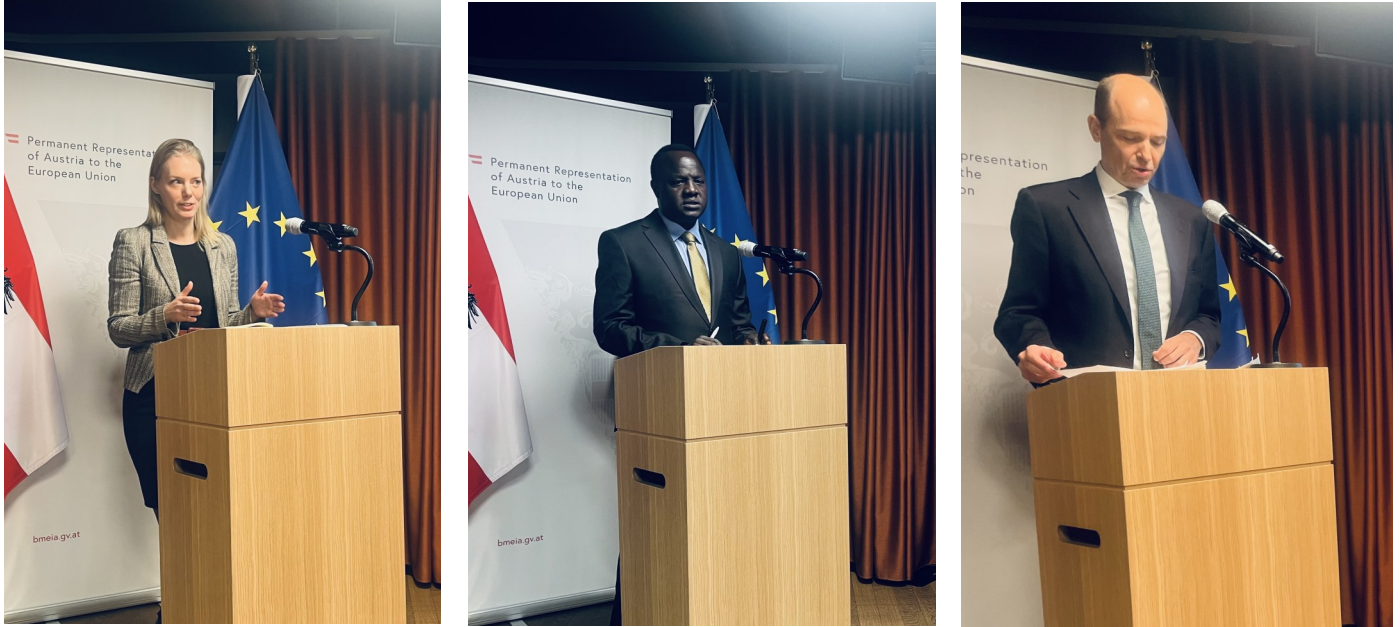


Director of UNCCT of UNOCT, Mauro Miedico

Both the EU and the UN acknowledged the importance of the Abuja Process on countering terrorism in Africa, and the need for a unified results-based framework across the UN system for monitoring and evaluating UN counter-terrorism efforts. The Sixth UN-EU High-Level Dialogue served as a strong reminder of the continuing commitment to counter terrorism through multilateralism, sustained partnership, and cooperation.

Roundtable on Climate, Peace and Security

On 8 November 2024, a roundtable entitled “Partnerships for Climate, Peace and Security—Achieving long-term resilience and stability through innovative adaptation programmes” was held in Brussels—co-organised by the UN and the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, with the participation from the EEAS and NATO. The roundtable—a joint initiative of Austria and the Department of Peace Operations (DPO)—was part of the “Networked Multilateralism: Upgrading Partnerships” series.



Presenters at the roundtable: Annick Hiensch (left) from the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), Richard Oyoo (middle) from the UN Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) and Ambassador Alexander Marschik from the Austrian Permanent Rep. to the UN in NY.

Annual EU-UN Strategic Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Mediation

On 5-6 December 2024, the Annual EU-UN Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Mediation took place at the EEAS headquarters in Brussels, with the participation of the Director of the Policy and Mediation Division (PMD)/DPPA, Asif Khan, and the EEAS' Director for Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management, Cosmin Dobran. The Peacebuilding Support Office/DPPA joined a session on the Pact for the Future with a focus on the peace and security dimension. Participants discussed the UN peace and security architecture and how to strengthen it, including through conflict prevention. They also discussed other thematic themes, such as Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Climate, Peace and Security. UNDP also participated.



The Director of PMD/DPPA, Asif Khan (centre-right), and the EEAS' Director for Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management, Cosmin Dobran (centre-left), shaking hands at the 2024 Annual EU-UN Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Mediation.

NATO Update



Picture: NATO

NATO Secretary General, Mark Rutte (left), shaking hands with Jens Stoltenberg (right), the previous head of the Alliance, on 1 October.

On 1 October 2024, former Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte took office as the NATO Secretary General, succeeding Jens Stoltenberg after 10 years at the helm of the Alliance.

The NATO Summit in Washington DC held on 9-11 July 2024 marked the 75th anniversary of the Alliance. Allies agreed on the establishment of NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine (NSATU) based in Germany. Regarding global partnerships, Allies adopted an action plan for NATO's Southern Neighbourhood and appointed a Special Representative for the region in October 2024. NATO also announced plans to open its first liaison office in the Middle East in Amman, Jordan, as well as to broaden the scope of support to Iraqi Security Institutions based on the request of the Iraqi authorities. Regarding thematic policies, NATO released its revised AI strategy; the Secretary General's annual Climate Change and Security Impact Assessment; endorsed a new NATO Policy on Women, Peace and Security (WPS); updated Policy Guidelines on Counter-Terrorism; and agreed to establish a new NATO Integrated Cyber Defence Centre (NICC) at NATO's military headquarters, SHAPE, in Belgium.

Mr. Rutte and President of the European Commission Von der Leyen agreed on 29 October 2024 to set up a new high-level task force to strengthen the existing NATO-EU cooperation. The NATO chief also stressed that NATO member states would need to spend "north of 3%" of their GDP on defence and that "2% is not enough" when he addressed the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) and then-Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) on 13 January 2025 (which since then has become a fully fledged committee).

The Hague Summit on 24-26 June 2025 marks the next major event on the NATO calendar. This is the first time since NATO's founding in 1949 that the Netherlands will host a NATO Summit. The topic of defence spending is expected to remain central at the summit.



Picture: NATO

A family photo of the Allies leaders at the NATO Summit held in Washington DC on 9-11 July 2024

The EU Leadership 2024-2029



The new EU leadership took office on 1 December 2024 for a five-year term, following a confirmation vote in the European Parliament on 27 November. The 2024-2029 Commission is headed by Ursula Von der Leyen who was given a second mandate as President of the European Commission in July following the European Parliament elections in June that saw her political bloc (the centre-right EPP) come out on top.

- Former Portuguese Prime Minister from the centre-left socialist grouping (S&D), António Costa, replaced Charles Michel as President of the European Council for the next two and a half years—once renewable (1 December 2024—31 May 2027), following his selection by EU leaders at the European Council summit in June. As European Council President, Costa plays key role in facilitating political deliberations and forging consensus among EU leaders, expressed among other things in Council conclusions issued during quarterly meetings of EU leaders (March, June, October, December).



The EU has created a Commissioner post dedicated to defence for the first time in the history of the union. Former Lithuanian Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius was appointed to the post of European Commissioner for Defence and Space.



- Maltese Christian-Democrat (EPP) Roberta Metsola was confirmed as President of the European Parliament (EP) in July following her election by the same body and will lead the EP until 2027. Although the EP has no control over the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy, the EP and its Committees can influence it including through non-binding resolutions.



- Previous Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Šuica (Croatia) serves as European Commissioner for Mediterranean, which is also the newly created Commissioner post.



- Slovenian diplomat and politician Marta Kos serves as European Commissioner for Enlargement.



- Former Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas serves as High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (HR/VP). Kallas heads the European External Action Service (the EU's diplomatic service) which helps her carry out the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and also manages the EU delegations.



- Former Belgian Minister of Foreign and EU Affairs, Hadja Lahbib, was appointed to the European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management.



- The post of the European Commissioner for International Partnerships was allocated to Czech politician Jozef Síkela.



Infographic: UN visitors in Brussels (1)

2024

April

- SRSR for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS, Nicholas Haysom, visited Brussels for high-level meetings, including a meeting with EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, on 15-16 April.

- Personal Envoy for Sudan, Ramtane Lamamra, briefed the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels on 23 April.

2024

May

- DPET/DPO Director, David Haeri, was in Brussels for meetings with senior EU and NATO interlocutors on 23 May.

- OROLSI and the EEAS co-costed UN-EU Security Sector Reform (SSR) workshop in Brussels on 23 May.
- Special Envoy for Syria Geir O. Pedersen participated in the 8th Annual Brussels Conference "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region" on 27 May.
- UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland, visited Brussels on 26-27 May. He participated in the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC), and other meetings.

2024

June

- DPPA-DPO Director of the Middle East Division, Darko Mocibob, visited Brussels for meetings with key EU interlocutors on 6-7 June 2024.

- The Director of the UN Global Services Centre in Brindisi, Giovanna Ceglie, visited Brussels on 18-19 June to participate in the annual EU logistics conference.
- DPO and the EEAS held a hybrid workshop on 24 June reflecting lessons learned from operational partnership in Mali between 2013 and 2023.
- Special Envoy for the Great Lakes, Huang Xia, met with Managing Director for Africa of the EEAS Rita Laranjiunha on 25 June 2024.

2024

July

- On 9 July, DPO and DPPA Gender Units and the EEAS convened a UN-EU joint webinar workshop on Gender Responsible Leadership.

- On 10-11 July, the DDR team from DPO/OROLSI led by Chief of the DDR Section, Thomas Kontogeorgos, had meetings with senior EU and NATO officials in Brussels.

2024

August

- USG for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, participated in an informal EU Defence Ministerial in Brussels on 30 August 2024.

2024

October

- USG Lacroix met with the EEAS' Deputy Secretary General for Peace, Security and Defence, Charles Fries, at the EEAS HQ on 7 October 2024.

- The 1st joint Heads of UN Military and Police Components Conference was held on 8-9 October in Brussels, where USG Jean-Pierre Lacroix, UNPOL Advisor Shahkar, and UN Acting Military Advisor Major General Pearce gathered. DPO/DPET Director Haeri also participated in the Conference.
- MONUSCO's Political Director, Francois Grignon, held meetings with senior EU officials on 7-8 October.
- Special Envoy for the Grate Lakes, Huang Xia, met with senior EU officials in Brussels on 23 October.

Infographic: UN visitors in Brussels (2)

2024 November

- **Chief of DPO/DPET Integrated Training Service (ITS), Harry Sood**, met with senior EU and NATO officials in Brussels on 18-19 November.
- **Chief of strategic communications of DPO, Nick Birmback**, updated EU Council working groups (PMG, CIVCOM, CONUN) on the latest from UNIFIL and MONUSCO on 18 November 2024. He also discussed opportunities for partnership with EEAS.
- **Acting UN Military Advisor, Major General, Cheryl Pearce**, met with Chair of the EU Military Committee, General Briger in Brussels and exchanged on the future of UN Peacekeeping and UN-EU partnership on 25-26 November 2024. On 25 November, she participated in the **NATO Workshop on Climate Change and Security**, and addressed the NATO military committee.

2024 December

- On 3 December, UNOCT and the EU convened the **Sixth Dialogue on Counter-terrorism** in Brussels. **Director of UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), Mauro Miedico**, co-chaired the Dialogue.
- **The Director of PMD/DPPA, Asif Khan**, participated in the annual EU-UN Strategic Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Mediation in Brussels on 5-6 December.

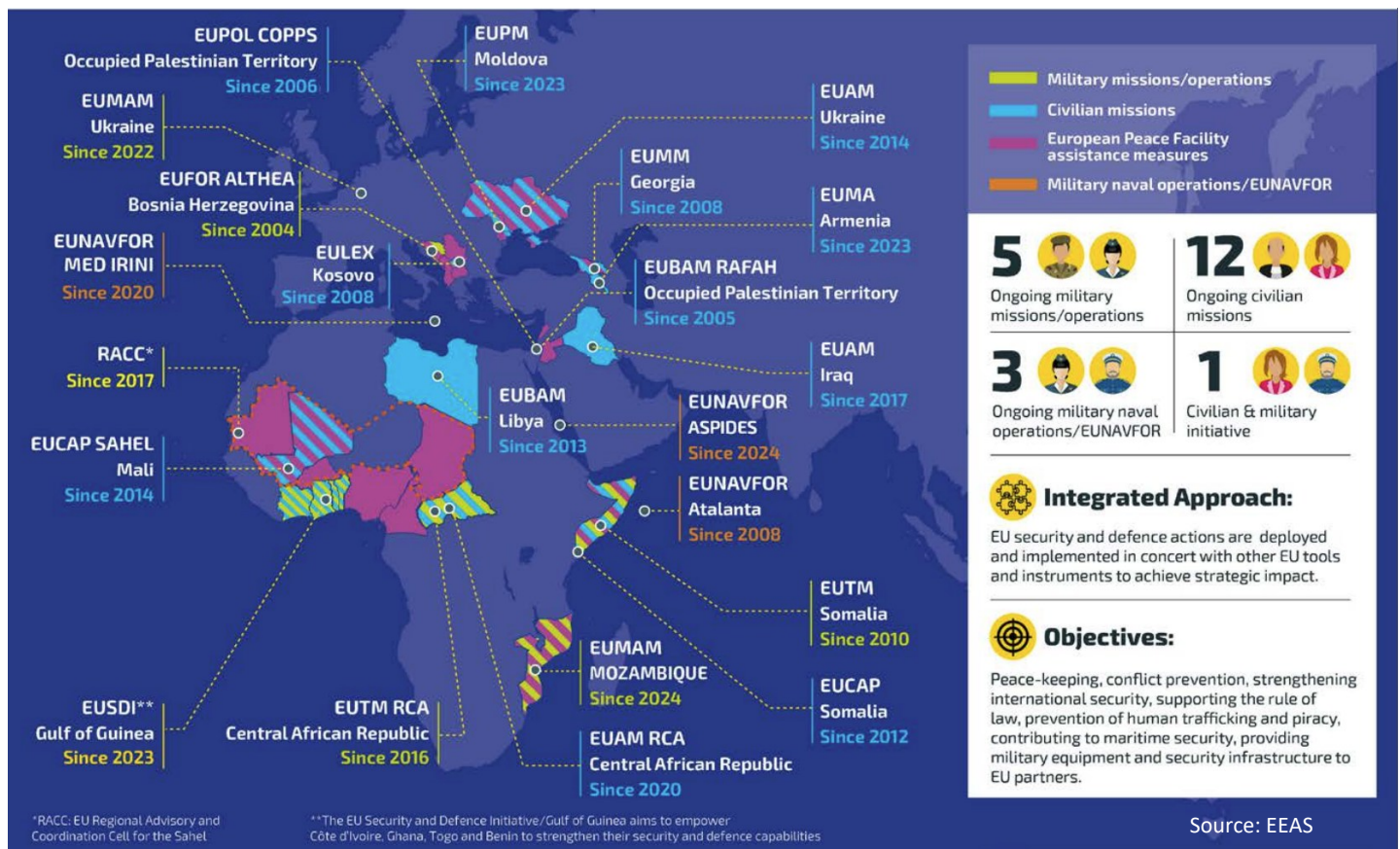
2025 February

- **The Director of PMD/DPPA, Asif Khan**, briefed the Council's UN Working Party (CONUN) on 12 February.
- **ASG for Peacebuilding Support, Elizabeth Spehar**, held meetings with senior EU officials and engaged with Civil Society Organisations on the Peacebuilding Architecture Review in Brussels on 18-20 February.

2025 March

- **The Director of UNMAS/DPO, Ilene Cohn**, held meetings with EU and NATO counterparts in Brussels on 6-7 March.
- **Team Leader for the Information Integrity Unit of DPO, Naomi Miyashita**, participated in the "United in Response: Countering Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference" conference organised by the EEAS in Brussels on 18-19 March.
- **USG for Political and Peacebuilding, Rosemary DiCarlo**, accompanied the Secretary-General to the European Council summit, and held meetings with the EEAS Secretary-General and senior EU interlocutors on 19-21 March.
- **USG for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix**, was in Brussels for meetings with senior EU and Belgian officials on 24-25 March.

Update: EU CSDP Missions and Operations



Overview of EU CSDP missions and operations (as of November 2024. Source: EEAS)

There are currently 21 EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, 6 of which are deployed in parallel with UN missions. Some 4,000 personnel are currently deployed in the 13 civilian and 8 military missions and operations.

Horn of Africa/Gulf: The mandates of EUCAP Somalia, EUTM Somalia, and Operation ATALANTA have been extended until February 2027, following the holistic strategic review of the three CSDP missions. Operation ATALANTA's mandate was updated to enhance maritime security off the coast of Somalia, in the Gulf of Aden, the Western Indian Ocean and parts of the Red Sea. The EU's defensive maritime security operation, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES, was launched in February 2024 for a period of one year to safeguard freedom of navigation in relation to the Red Sea crisis. The operation acts in line with UNSCR 2722 (2024).

Central Africa: The Council extended the mandates of EUAM RCA and EUTM RCA until August 2026 and September 2025, respectively. The EU has suspended a large part of the EUTM RCA's training mandate since December 2021.

EU Rapid Deployment Capability

The EU's Strategic Compass, adopted in March 2022, envisioned the creation of a Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC), which reached full operational capacity in 2025. The RDC is designed to enable the EU to deploy a modular force of up to 5,000 troops quickly in response to crises. The RDC allows to tailor the force to be deployed, the Rapid Response Force, to the mission.

Sahel: The mandate of EUCAP Sahel Mali has been extended until January 2027. However, EUTM Mali ended in May 2024. EUCAP Sahel Niger and EUMPM Niger were terminated in June 2024 due to the severe political situation in the country. This decision followed the announcement by the Niger's authorities to terminate the agreement with the EU on the two CSDP missions in December 2023.

The Middle East: The Council extended the mandates of EUBAM Rafah and EUPOL COPPS until 30 June 2025, respectively. Although activities of EUBAM Rafah between the Rafah Crossing Point between the Gaza Strip and Egypt had been on hold since 2007, the EU decided to revive the mission starting as of 31 January 2025.

Eastern Europe & Caucasus: The Council extended the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) until December 2026. In addition, the mandate of EUMA Armenia was extended for a period of two years, until February 2027. The Council extended the mandate of EUMAM Ukraine until November 2026. The Council also extended the mandate of EUPM Moldova until May 2025.

EU Council Presidencies



Picture: European Council

Polish Prime Minister Tusk (right), European Council President Costa (centre) and European Commission President Von der Leyen (left) at Informal EU leaders' retreat on 2 February 2025.

A closer look at the Presidencies' priorities on peace and security matters

The Polish Presidency: Poland has been hosting the EU Presidency in the first half of 2025, assuming this role for the second time after fourteen years. As the presidency's slogan "*Security, Europe!*" presents, the presidency has a strong focus on strengthening European security in all its dimension: external; internal; information; economic; energy; food and health.

On 1 January 2025, Poland took over the Council presidency from Hungary, and commenced a new presidency trio with Denmark and Cyprus. On the peace and security dimension, the presidency focuses on maximizing the EU's support for Ukraine, including the acceleration of Ukraine's EU membership quest, as well as strengthening the security and resilience of the Union and its partners, including fostering EU-NATO cooperation and addressing disinformation.

The Hungarian Presidency:



Picture: European Council

Farewell to European Council President Michel (right) from Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán (left) at the informal meeting EUCO meeting on 8 November 2024 in Budapest.

Hungary held the EU Council Presidency from 1 July to 31

December 2024. During the Presidency, Romania and Bulgaria became full members of the Schengen Area; the EU opened new negotiation chapters with Albania and Montenegro, and the fifth meeting of the European Political Community was convened on the occasion of the informal European Council meeting in Budapest.

The Belgian Presidency:



Picture: European Council

Former Belgian President De Croo (left) and Commission President Von der Leyen (right) at the centre of Brussels in January 2024.

Belgium held the EU Council Presidency from 1 January to 30 June 2024. The Presidency was marked by the European Parliament elections that took place across EU member states on 6-9 June and discussions on the next EU institutional cycle. In this context, the European Council Summit on 27 June 2024 agreed on appointments and nominations for the EU's top jobs and adopted the strategic agenda for 2024-2029, a policy plan that steers the EU's future direction and goals.

Next EU Presidencies: Denmark will hold the EU Council Presidency from 1 July to 31 December 2025, followed by Cyprus.

Sample of UNLOPS outreach activities

- On 6 March 2025, UNLOPS Head of office, Rory Keane, briefed at the European Parliament's press seminar "Upholding women rights in Defence, Security and Peace building" to mark International Women's Day.
- On 7 February 2025, Rory Keane discussed Polish Presidency priorities, future UN-EU cooperation and joint initiatives in peace and security with Polish PSC Ambassador, Weronika Frydryszek (photo below).



- On 30 January 2025, UNLOPS represented the UN Secretariat at the "Crisis Group's EU Watch List 2025 and 30-Year Anniversary Reception" in Brussels.
- On 23 January 2025, Rory Keane briefed the EU Military Committee on the UN Pact for the Future.
- On 3 December 2024, Rory Keane participated in a debate organised by Belgian Civil Society and the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and presented the Pact for the Future.
- On 14 November 2024, Rory Keane briefed the Council's UN Working Party (CONUN) on peace and security matters, including follow-up on the Pact for the Future.
- On 14 November 2024, Rory Keane briefed on UN peacekeeping operations at the Egmont's "Diplomatic Club" in Brussels.
- On 31 October 2024, Rory Keane spoke at a think tank event entitled "Dialogue on Europe-Africa and the reform of multilateralism for peace," organised by the EC-DPM in Brussels.
- On 6-7 October 2024, EU Military Staff, Maj. Gen. Werner Albl (middle, right) and EU CPCC, Head of Division, Douglas Carpenter (middle, left) addressed the first meeting of the UN Heads of Military and Police Components Conference (HoMPCC) that took place in Brussels with the kind support of Ireland, Portugal and Norway in coordination with UNLOPS (photo top right).



- On 3 October 2024, Rory Keane addressed a conference organised by the City of Brussels and Belgium's UN Association on the topic of "la construction de la paix: le rôle de l'ONU, ses défis actuels."
- On 21 June 2024, Rory Keane addressed the Global Governance Institute (GGI) in Brussels on the concept of polycrisis and geopolitical trends as part of the GGI's summer school (photo below).



- On 11 June 2024, UNLOPS represented the UN at the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)'s annual conference in Brussels.
- On 29 May 2024, UNLOPS represented the UN at the EU Schuman Security and Defence Forum in Brussels. The forum focused on global peace, security and defence.
- On 29 May 2024, UNLOPS represented DPPA-DPO on a panel discussion on the future of multilateralism at an event organised by the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Brussels.
- On 17 April 2024, UNLOPS participated in the German Marshall Fund's annual flagship event, "Brussels Forum," representing DPPA-DPO.
- On 17 April 2024, Rory Keane provided a presentation on the UN integrated/comprehensive approach at the NATO Senior Officer Seminar on the Comprehensive Approach in Brussels, representing DPPA-DPO.

Outlook

Upcoming meetings and milestones in the Brussels context



Picture: EEAS

Official flags of the UN and the EU

- A European Council meeting is planned for 26 and 27 June and will formally end the Polish EU Council Presidency.
- A meeting of NATO Defence Ministers is scheduled on 5 June.
- The EU will participate in the G7 Summit in Alberta, Canada, on 16 and 17 June.
- A meeting of the EU's Foreign Affairs Council is scheduled on 23 June.
- A NATO Summit is planned to take place in The Hague on 24 and 26 June.
- Denmark will hold the EU Council Presidency between 1 July and 31 December.
- The 4th Ukraine Recovery Conference is planned to take place in Rome on 10 and 11 July.
- The 80th session of UN General Assembly will open on 9 September in New York.
- The 7th meeting of the European Political Community is scheduled to take place in Denmark on 2 October.
- European Council meetings are scheduled on 23-24 October and 18-19 December, respectively.
- The EU-CELAC Summit is planned to take place in Santa Marta, Colombia, on 9 and 10 November.



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