



# EU TRAINING Mission RCA (EUTM RCA) CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

as of 02 OCT 2023



## **MISSION:**

EUTM RCA will deliver strategic advice to CAR government and military and security authorities, education of FACA officers and NCOs as well as specialists, training to FACA and military assistance (including non-executive accompaniment) to FACA regional headquarters and units at Battalion HQ level at their garrisons within the territory of the CAR for a period of 12 months from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in order to contribute to the overall locally owned SSR process coordinated by MINUSCA.

**MHQ Location:** MPCC (Belgium)

**MCdr:** LTG Michiel van der LAAN (NL)

**MFHQ Location:** Bangui (CAR)

**MFCdr:** BG Cornel TONEA-BĂLAN (RO)

## **TYPE:**

EU CSDP Military Training Mission.

**STARTING DAY:** 16 Jul 2016

**MANDATE END:** 20 Sep 2024

## **STRENGTH:**

87 PAX (present in MA)

127 PAX (authorized PHASE I)

## **MS CONTRIBUTING:**

6 (ES, FR, LT, PL, PT, RO).

## **PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING:** 3

(Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Socialist Republic of Vietnam).

## **MAIN CONTRIBUTORS:**

No Lead Nation, RO (47) PT (6), ES (7), RS (7)

## **MISSION AREA:**

Entire CAR territory  
Main focus on Bangui

## **OPERATION BUDGET:**

There is a common budget of EUR 7.813 million for the mandate agreed and monitored by the Athena Committee of Member States.

## **MANDATE:**

The mandate consists in the support of the CAR authorities in the preparation and implementation of the upcoming Security Sector Reform by assisting the FACA to manage their situation and to build the capacity and quality needed to meet the goal of a future modernized, effective, ethnically balanced and democratically accountable FACA.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Since its launch in July 2016, EUTM RCA trained and educated almost 9500 FACA personnel. EUTM RCA has engaged in the training of FACA units and their leaders, and new recruits (including ex-combatants reintegrated in FACA after completion of vetting and DDR process).
- Quick impact and qualifying courses have been delivered in different domains for more than 2900 of Officers, NCOs and specialists/enlisted personnel. These courses lasted from one week to several months, and focused on radio operations, leadership, tactics, IHL, human rights, sexual violence prevention, HIV/ AIDS, leadership, gender, logistics intelligence, administration and combat first aid monitor.
- The Operational training was provided to six Battalions (five Infantry Territorial Battalions and one Amphibious Battalion – total of 3100 personnel).
- In addition, the mission has also provided: validation and certification of FACA personnel trained by a third party (300 personnel), four basic training (FETTA - *Formation Élémentaire Toutes Armées*) reiteration for more than 2850 recruits. The Mission has also supported FACA in building an operational trainer's pool to be able to conduct by themselves training and education to own troops.
- EUTM RCA provided advice to the authorities of CAR on a significant amount of regulatory and doctrinal documents for the governance of FACA. This includes the DSR strategy, the NDP, the Military Programming Law (2019–23), the Military Justice Code, Law on the General Statute of the Military, the decrees on the creation of FACA Military Schools.
- EUTM RCA reached Full Operational Capability on 20 September 2016

## **WAY AHEAD:**

PSC meeting on 13 July decided to have a Strategic Debate about the mission in October 2023 and a Strategic Assessment in the second half of the first quarter 2024.