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**CONTRACT IFB 25SC06
DEVELOPMENT OF CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING FOR EUROCORPS BATTLE
STAFF TRAINING**

CONTRACT - PART III

Technical Requirements

This document outlines Headquarters Eurocorps' (HQ EC) Support Provider requirements for the preparation and execution of EC Battle Staff Training (BST) EUROPEAN BOOST 25. The Crisis Response Planning (CRP) will precede EUBO 25.

1. CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING

Crisis Response Planning will be conducted from JUN until NOV 2025 and will include several events, such as the Comprehensive Understanding of the Operational Environment (CUOE) and OPLAN development. These events will take place at the HQ EC AdV barracks in Strasbourg, France. The documents needed for these events will be provided by HQ EC.

- a. The CUOE is conducted from 02JUNE25 until 27JUNE25.
- b. The OPLAN (advanced planning) will take place from 13OCT25 until 07NOV25.
- c. The JCO development will take place in NOV25

2. EUROPEAN BOOST 25

- a. European Boost is Battle Staff Training (BST) that serves as a preparation of FHQ EUBG26 to be tested during EU Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC) LIVEX 26 exercise under the umbrella of MILEX 26 conducted by MPCC
- b. BST EUBO25 will test and redefine the HQ EC FHQ Command Post Concept (CPC), the Joint Battle Rhythm (JBR), and Staff Processes, identify possible gaps in HQ EC documentation and integrate HQ EC augmentation.
- c. BST EUBO25 content is vignette driven, tailored to the Training Objectives (TOs), adjusted in speed by a limited EXCON. European Boost will take place from 01DEC25 until 05DEC25 at the HQ EC AdV barracks in Strasbourg, France.

3. STARTING POINT

- a. EU Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC) is designed to ensure the EU's ability to respond rapidly to imminent threats or crises outside its borders, across all stages of the conflict cycle. The RDC will allow the EU to swiftly deploy a modular force of up to 5,000 troops, including land, air and maritime components, as well as the required strategic enablers.

4. AIMS OF RDC LIVEX 26

- a. Strengthen the EU's military capabilities, preparedness and ability to respond promptly within the context of the Integrated Approach,
- b. Under the leadership of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) acting as the Operation HQ (OHQ), to external crises.

- c. This includes the planning and implementation of an independent Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) executive military joint operation, in a hybrid threat environment, with the objective of operationalising the EU Rapid Deployment Capacity by 2025.

5. EXERCISE OBJECTIVES

- a. In accordance with Exercise Specifications (EXSPEC) for MILEX 26, the exercise objectives for RDC LIVEX are as follows:
 - (1) To practice crisis response planning including the Joint Operations Planning Group (JOPG) process, in the development of an Operational Concept of Operations (OPCONOPS) and OPLAN, supporting also the preparation of a Comprehensive Understanding of the Operational Environment (CUOE) and finally, a Joint Coordination Order (JCO) for a specific phase.
 - (2) Inform the planning and conduct of operations by executing All Source Intelligence Operations and Knowledge Development across all Political, Military, Economic, Social, Information and Infrastructure (PMESII) domains. Exercise full intelligence cycle, Intelligence support to Targeting and Joint Effects, information and intelligence exchange between strategic, operational and tactical echelons, and the sharing of intelligence products with the OHQ, EU Member States and with Governmental Organizations/ International Organizations/ Non-Governmental Organizations as required.
 - (3) Within the framework of a Stabilization Operation, demonstrate the ability to coordinate, support and enhance the security of the Host Nation through joint operations.
 - (4) Implement engagement activities with Non-Military Actors (NMA), including International Organizations, Governmental Organizations /Non-Governmental Organizations, and Host Nation.
 - (5) Plan, coordinate, prepare, conduct, and monitor the movement and sustainment of the EU BG forces and the support to theatre level EU operations with high capabilities delivered by the Reception, Staging Onward Movement (RSOM) Task Force supported by Host Nation, Contractor Support to Operations (CSO), Troops Contributing Nation's National Support Elements, and, in case of availability, supported by involved Component Commands.
 - (6) In an integrated manner and, synchronized with the OHQ, contribute with related activities and key capabilities to the Strategic Communications effort.

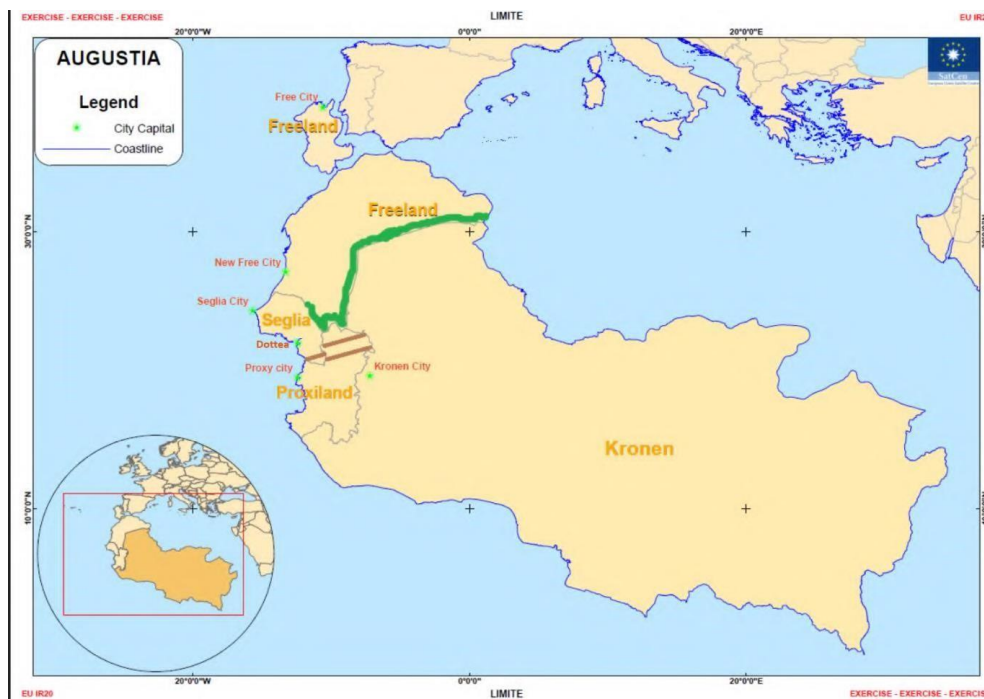
- (7) Synchronised with the OHQ, practice European Peace Facility (EPF) procedures for financing CSDP Military Operations/Missions.

6. DESIRED END STATE

- a. EC have practiced and matured staff routines, procedures and processes, IOT fulfil EUMS expectations in a FHQ construct and declared IOC.

7. SCENARIO SETTING

- a. The epicentre of the crisis is situated in Western Augustia, a fictitious African based continent south off the Mediterranean Sea. This crisis though located in Seglia concerns indirectly other neighbouring countries like Freeland, Proxyland and Kronen, the latter an autocratic country increasingly assertive about its potential economic world power and military strength.
- b. Seglia has long been one of the most stable democracies in Augustia, but there is a considerable and growing risk of violent conflict. The risk of political instability related to the 2024 elections, the continued regional presence of a terrorist group called "Newborn Extremist State" (NEXSTA) and other violent extremist groups.
- c. Systemic corruption, group-based inequalities, and the spread of small arms in the region present structural drivers of violent conflict that require sustained EU engagement. The 2024 Presidential election also presents specific risk of increase of violence, with the campaign period and the political rallies, as phases in the electoral cycle, which may be particularly exposed to a rise in violent struggles.
- d. The European Union has a strong interest in durable peace and stability in Augustia—with Seglia as a critical partner to ensure democratization in the region—and has several instruments at its disposal to reduce the risk of violence. The interests and strategies of several local and global actors are conflicting and aggravating the crisis beyond the limits of Western Augustia.



8. TASK PERFORMANCE

- a. The contractor is required to participate in the development of FHQ OPLAN and fulfil the role of the Operational Headquarters (OHQ).
- b. This includes providing a situational understanding from the perspectives of different echelons (Political-Strategic and Operational) across all PEMSII domains (Political, Economic, Military, Social, Information, Infrastructure), as reflected in a scenario package to be played during BST EUBO 25.
- c. This package will target key FHQ processes, creating a realistic backdrop and facilitating information exchange in line with the overall exercise scenario. To that end, the provider will be required to:
 - (1) Participate as members of EU OHQ during the **JOPG** (advance planning) with the required personnel **1 x Project Manager, plus other required SMEs**. The provider must ensure coherence with Training Objectives, making adjustments to the EUBO25 STARTEX situation and documentation if necessary.
 - (2) Maintain a presence at the EC FHQ facility through 1x Project Manager plus 3x SMEs **covering the key areas of OPS/INTEL/LOG/CMi-GOs, NGOs and local forces in the first week** of the advance planning to become familiarized with JOPG members and to understand how EC FHQ plan to address the crisis (4 PAX total).

- (3) During the first week, the provider will receive access to FHQ services IOT establish the proper means and channels of communications for further cooperation between FHQ and OHQ.
- (4) Additional work is to be performed remotely from provider's home location, primarily focused on meeting EC FHQ demands by responding to RFIs generated by JOPG during the OPLAN development process. The planned means of communication is the unclassified Outlook service.
- d. For BST EUBO25, the provider is required to conduct FHQ CG media training ICCW the EC PAO Branch.

9. REQUIRED EXPERTISE

- a. As stated in article 16 of Part I IFB, the Contractor must meet following technical criteria:
 - (1) Has demonstrated experience in leading the design and delivery of a CPX/CAX, covering strategic, joint operational and tactical echelon aspects in the past 24 months.
 - (2) Has demonstrated experience with EU's decision making process, campaign synchronization and battle rhythm events from strategic through the joint operational down to the tactical level.
 - (3) Has demonstrated experience with working with a FHQ in a CSDP military operation.
 - (4) Is familiar with the AUGUSTIA scenario and able to integrate data and documents into respective systems.
- b. The provider will propose one candidate for each of the following positions, along with a brief professional bio-style resume and CV :
 - (1) **One (1) Project Manager (PM)**, responsible for overseeing the overall OHQ activities.
 - (a) The PM will supervise the preparation, synchronization and development of the situational environment, creating the experience of an FHQ in a CSDP military operation.
 - (b) The PM will serve as the deputy to the HQ EC G7 SO and, in this capacity, will be responsible for supervising the other OHQ SMEs.
 - (2) **Profile requirements for the PM**
 - (a) Has a military background as Staff Officer (or senior-level civilian equivalent) at the operational and highest tactical level.
 - (b) Has experience in working within EXCON in an EU Joint

Operational and highest-level exercise in the past 24 months.

- (c) Has experience in a JEMM based MEL/MIL development process for a EU Joint Operational level exercise in the past 24 months.
 - (d) Has experience in working with common used tools in an EU Joint Operational and highest-level exercise in the past 24 months.
 - (e) Preferably, has experience in the preparation and execution of EUBG exercise series.
 - (f) Is fluent in English (comparable to NATO SLP 4343 or minimum Level C1 in the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference).
 - (g) Holds a valid EU Secret security clearance.
 - (h) (Desirable) Has been deployed in a NATO led mission.
- (3) **Several OHQ SMEs** to support the PM in satisfying FHQ planners by responding to RFIs generated during the planning process
- (4) **Profile requirements for the SMEs:**
- (a) Have a military background as Staff Officer (or senior-level civilian equivalent) at the operational or highest tactical level within respective area of expertise.
 - (b) Have experience in an EU or NATO Joint Operational and highest level exercise in the past 24 months.
 - (c) Have experience in working with common used tools in an EU or NATO Joint Operational and highest-level exercise in the past 24 months.
 - (d) Preferably, have experience in the preparation and execution of EUBG exercise series.
 - (e) Have experience in EU Orders and Plans preparation processes (e.g. Joint Coordination Orders, FHQ battle rhythm, Operation Orders, Fragmentary Orders) at the Joint Operational and Land Component Command level.
 - (f) Have experience in EU Joint Logistics and Land Logistics processes (e.g. LOG Orders, RSO(M)I Plan, etc.) and capabilities.
 - (g) Have experience in development of Civil-Military Interactions at preferably all levels and all domains (HN GOs, NGOs, police, etc.).

- (h) Have experience in NATO information activities at preferably all levels.
- (i) Are fluent in English (comparable to NATO SLP 4343 or minimum Level C1 in the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference).
- (j) Hold a valid EU Secret security clearance.
- (k) (Desirable) Have been deployed in a NATO led mission.

10. EXCERPT OF REQUIRED DELIVERABLES/DOCUMENTS

- a. As mentioned in paragraph 8, the provider is required to develop and deliver the situational environment as the appointed OHQ.
- b. In doing so, the provider will assume several roles (e.g., as HICON [i.e., MPCC], White/Grey cells [e.g., IO/GO/NGO/HN]).
- c. The provider will also be required to provide a number of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in order to support the FHQ planning process by responding to Requests for Information (RFI) submitted by the FHQ during OPLAN development.
- d. Additionally, the provider is responsible for a number of deliverables, including updates to the Road to Crisis, Crisis Situation Updates (CSU.1) and the STARTEX package. CSU.1 is expected to be delivered one week before BST EUBO25.

11. FURTHER FRAMEWORK INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Coordination between the provider and HQ EC with regard to the OPLAN development will be done exclusively through the HQ EC G7 SO.
- b. In the event that the provider would have to replace one of the personnel after the awarding of the contract, the provider will have to solicit HQ EC approval prior to the replacement.
- c. The provider needs to have access to the scenario documents, made available on the EC Sear Point (ECR/EUMS) network.

12. RESTRICTIONS / CLASSIFICATION

- a. All documents related to or produced for EUBO25 and later on for MILEX 26 are for official use only. **HQ EC will have the full rights on all products to use it freely in later occasions.**

- b. All the documents produced by the provider will be considered UNCLASSIFIED and will not contain classified material or information. Any required security classification label will be added exclusively by the HQ EC when necessary after the reception of the documents.
- c. The documents should be delivered in both pdf & MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, etc.) according to the templates provided by the HQ EC G7 SO.

13. POINTS OF CONTACT

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14. TIMELINES

- a. JOPG (advance planning) **13 OCT/07NOV 2025**, AdV Strasbourg FRA
- b. EC EUROPEAN BOOST **01/05 DEC 2025**, AdV, Strasbourg, FRA
- c. Travel days are not included in above dates.

