



**Training Course on fragility, security and  
development 28 May**

**EUTM MALI**

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# **Crisis in Mali / EUTM Mali**

- Background
- Engagement of the international community
- EU in the Sahel
- EUTM Somalia
  - Mandate
  - Structure
  - Training



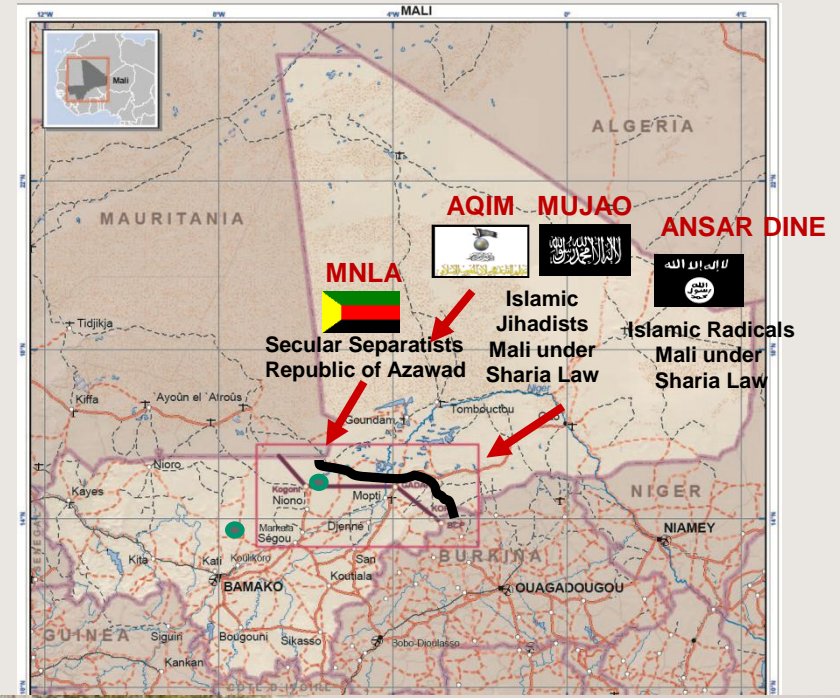
## Political Context

- Mali young democracy
- growing of population's frustration
- Northern issue (National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad MNLA)
- March 12 coup d'etat by Cap Sanag
- ECOWAS & UN → interim government of Nat Unity



## Security context

- MNLA Aspirations
- Three violent extremist organisations
- Criminal networks
- **Weak Malian Army**



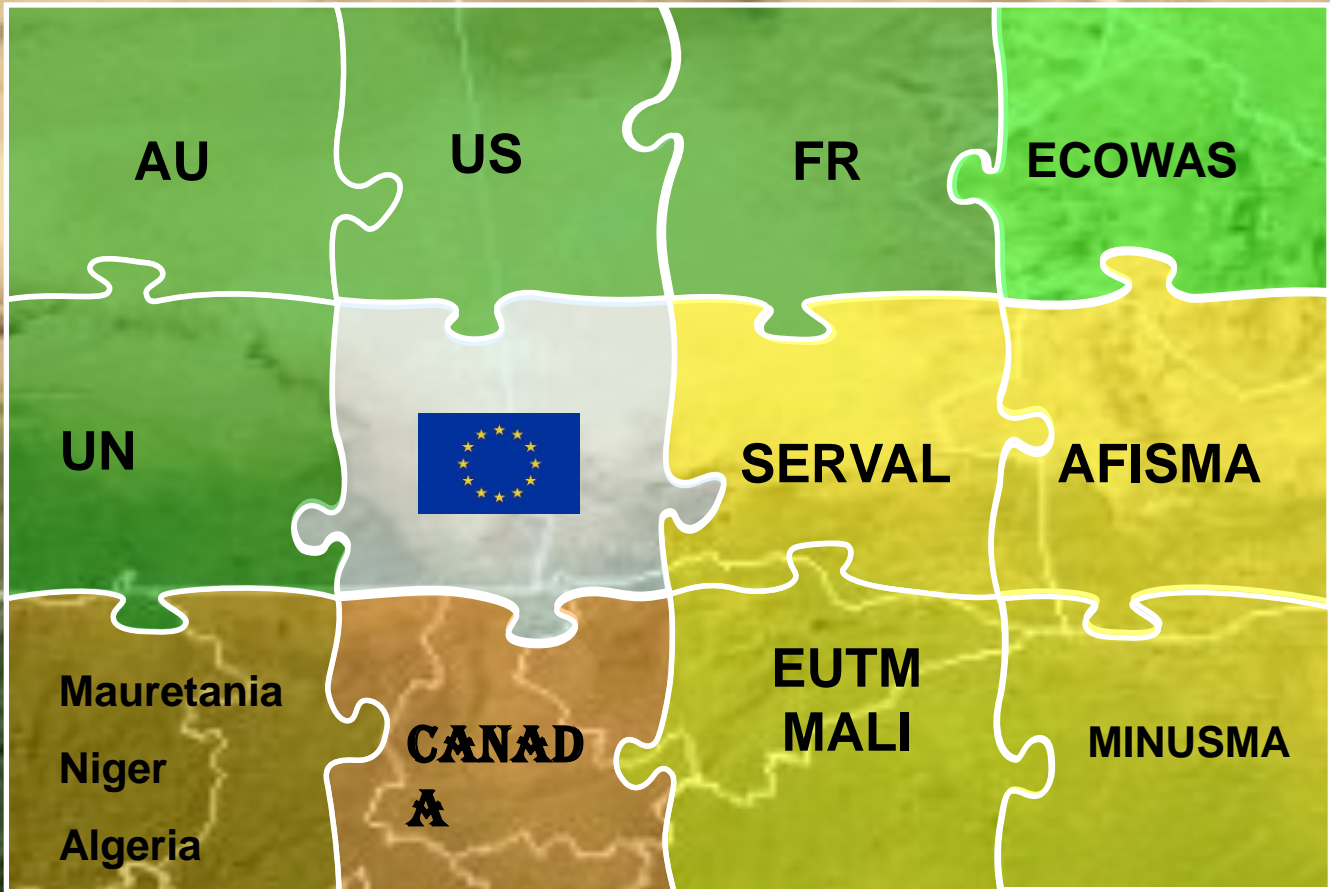
## Humanitarian Situation

- 200.000 displaced peoples
- food insecurity 4.6 million

## Economic situation

- No official development Assistance
- reduction in public investments
- business sectors affected by security reasons





- **France Operation Serval**
- **US involved in training of MAF, Canada engaged in Mil Coop**
- **ECOWAS Road map.**
  - **Agenda for free and fair elections**
  - **Reconstruction of army**
  - **Framework for North / South dialogue**
- **AU – AFISMA 17 Jan 2012 (6500 troops)**
- **UN - MINUSMA 1 Juli 2013 (11200 Troops 1400 Police)**
- **Neighbour countries**
- **EU :**
  - **Peaceful and credible transition process**
  - **Long lasting solutions to security crisis**

## EU Strategy for Security and development in the Sahel (March 2011)

- **Four lines of action:**
  - development, good governance
  - Political and diplomatic Action
  - Security and Rule of Law
  - Countering violent extremism
- **EU Special Representative for the Sahel**

**2 CSDP missions deployed  
(EUCAP Sahel & EUTM Mali)**

**Humanitarian Assistance**

**2 CSDP missions**

- **EUTM Mali**
- **EUCAP SAHEL (Niger):**



## Malian Armed Forces

- Operational Forces are fully deployed in a Defensive posture, while the reorganization of units is ongoing.
- No coherent Army.
- The Lack of consistent offensive capabilities and sustainable logistic support.
- Lack of proper C2 (leadership) in the field
- Nevertheless MAF are willing to restore their territorial integrity.

***Training and assistance is a necessity to restore the MAF operational capabilities and rebuild their unity.***

## **Main Objectives:**

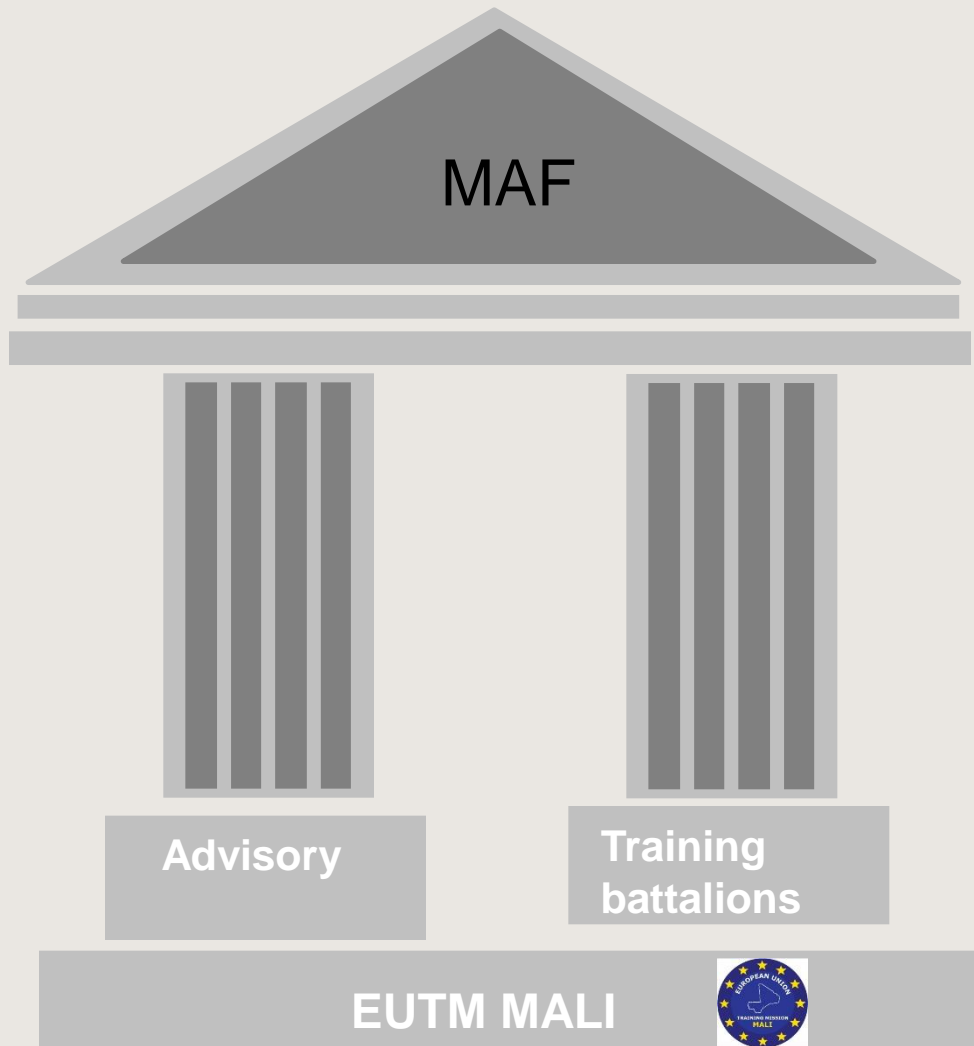
**EUTM Mali will provide military training and advice to the civilian controlled MAF, in southern Mali in order to aid restoration of their military capacity to engage in combat operations aiming at restoring Malian territorial integrity.**



**MCdr : Bgen Lecointre (FR)**

- February 2013 → till may 2014
- Troops ~543 (inc Medevac Heli, Role 2, FP)
- 22 EU Member States
- MHQ Bamako + spt Cell Brussels + Koulikoro Training Camp
- Close cooperation with ECOWAS and MAF



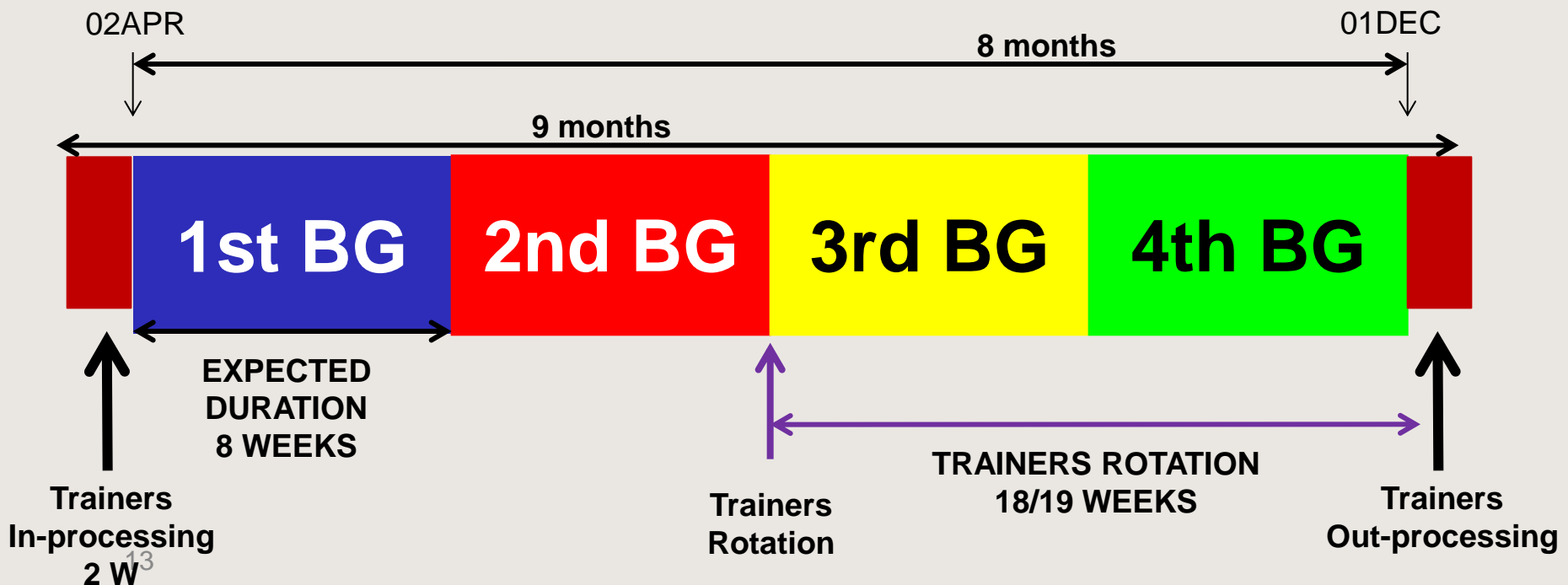


**To respond to operational needs MAF:**

- **Training Support**
- **Advice on:**
  - **Command and Control**
  - **Logistic and Human Resources chains**
  - **International Humanitarian Law, Protection of Civilians and Human Rights**

## Training timeframe per each Battalion 10 weeks per battalion including 5 phases

- Initial Evaluation ;
- Individual Training ;
- Platoon Level Training (30 personnel) ;
- Company Level Training (4 platoons/120 personnel) ;
- Battalion Level Training (800 personnel).
- Start of training 1<sup>st</sup> battalion on 2 April





# TRAINING BG CONCEPT

|                                      | PHASE 1                                      | PHASE 2  | PHASE 3  | PHASE 4  | PHASE 5  | PHASE 6              |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|----------------------|
| <b>BATTLE GROUP (BG)</b>             | <b>In- processing and Initial Evaluation</b> | <b>BG CP Training</b>  | <b>BG CP Training</b><br>CP organizes, conducts and controls the Combined Arms Coy Training.<br>CP prépare Combined Arms Coy OPS evaluation and training |  | <b>BG REDEPLOY</b><br>& begins its training IOT be assessed in PHASE 6 | <b>BG ASSESSMENT</b> |
| <b>Coy Cdrs / Platoon Cdrs (Pln)</b> |  | <b>Pln/Coy Cdrs Training</b>   | <b>Coy Cdrs Training</b><br>command & control<br>INF/ARTY/AMRD trainings<br>and prepare Combined Arms Coy training                                       | <b>Coy Combined Arms Training</b><br>Cdrs conduct their own Combined Arms training |  |                      |
| <b>Infantry (INF)</b>                |  | <b>Team Training</b><br>(tactics, TIOR, ISTD<br>Combat life saving<br>C-IED, basic urban combat skills...) | <b>Pln Training</b><br>Specific INF Platoon combat<br><b>Training by Pln leaders</b>   |  |  |                      |
| <b>Armoured (AMRD)</b>               |  |  | <b>Pln Training</b><br>Specific Armoured<br><b>Training by Pln leaders</b>   |  |  |                      |
| <b>ARTILLERY / Mortar (ARTY/MR)</b>  |  |  | <b>Pln Training</b><br>Specific ARTY/Mor<br><b>Training by Pln leaders</b>   |  |  |                      |
| <b>Specialised trainings</b>         |  | <b>Pln Training</b><br><b>Sniper / Tactical / SF / TACP course / ....</b>                                  |  |  |  |                      |



European Union

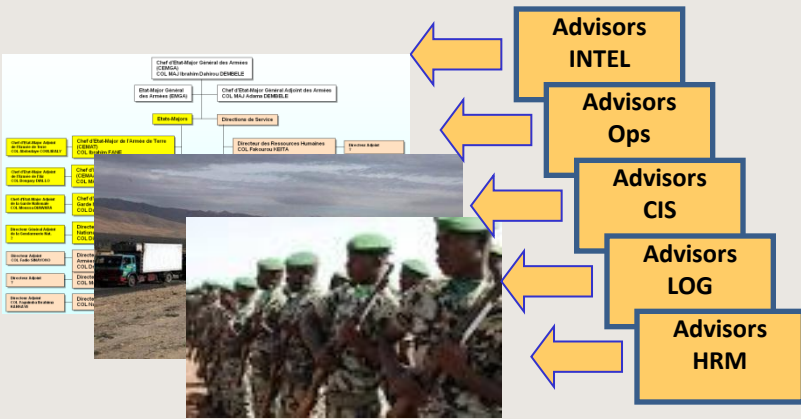
**EXTERNAL ACTION**

# **KOULIKORO TRAINING CAMP**

**MILITARY STAFF**



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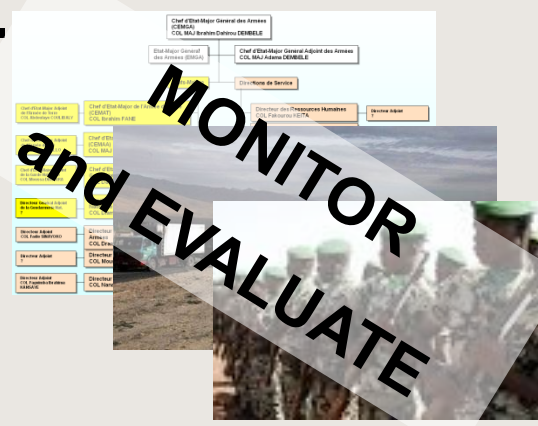
- Leadership technique and style
- Observe simplicity of processes
- Advice should be realistic
- Degree of effective control exerted on subordinate units
- Encourage adherence to Rule of Law/ respect for Human Rights

3. Advise honestly...

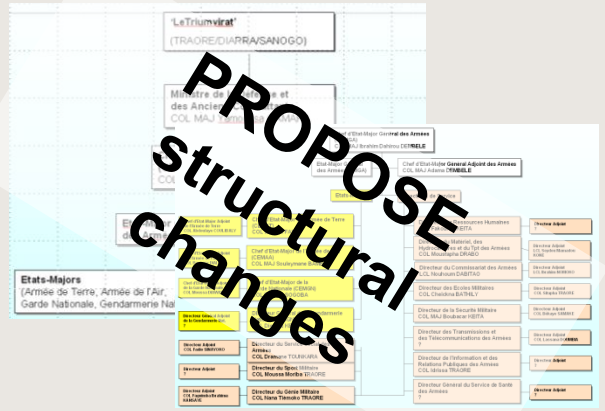


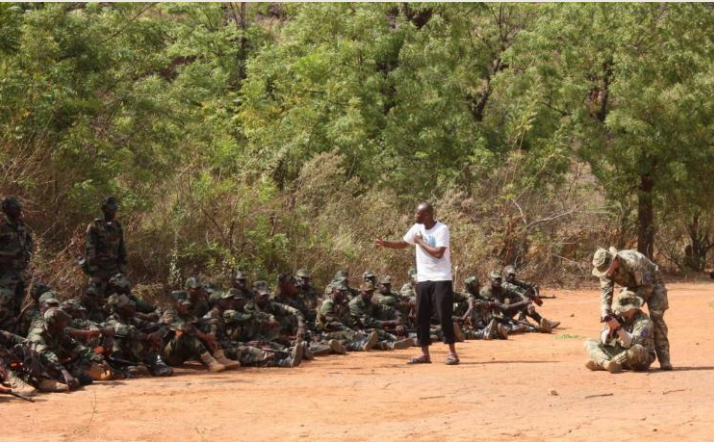
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## CHALLENGES

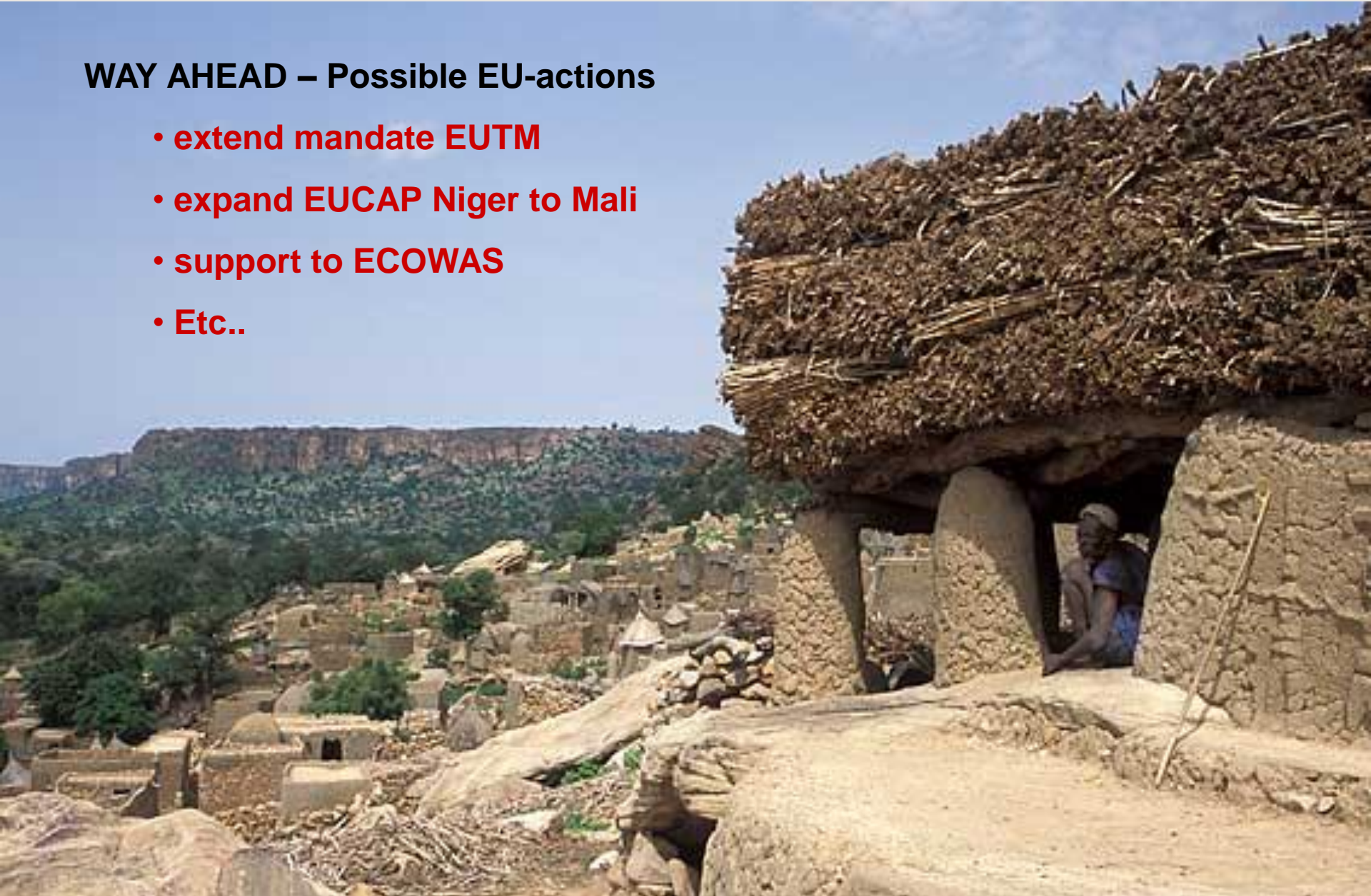
- French language
- Security

### Main Concerns

- Force generation; relieve of FR FP company, BE Air medevac
- Equipment for Malian Battalions to be trained
- Malian battalions
- Mentoring / Monitoring trained troops

## WAY AHEAD – Possible EU-actions

- **extend mandate EUTM**
- **expand EUCAP Niger to Mali**
- **support to ECOWAS**
- **Etc..**





**QUESTIONS?**