



# European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia

## EUCAP Somalia

### Mandate 1.1.2019-31.12.2020

**EUCAP Somalia enhances the country's maritime civilian law enforcement capacity** by supporting federal and regional authorities in developing legislation, strengthening the criminal justice chain in the maritime domain and providing advice on policy to the Somali ministry of internal security and the Somali Police Force. The Mission supports the development of coast guard and maritime police functions in and around the main Somali ports, and implements additional assistance to broader police development.

The Mission (then EUCAP Nestor) was launched in July 2012 to support countries in the Horn of Africa to develop maritime security. In December 2016, the Council of the European Union decided that the Mission will focus on Somalia, including Somaliland. **In December 2018, EUCAP Somalia's mandate was extended until the end of 2020 with a budget of 66,1 Million Euros.**

EUCAP Somalia is based in Mogadishu with field offices in Hargeisa (Somaliland), Garowe (Puntland), Mogadishu and a back-office in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Three pillars of EUCAP Somalia

- 1. Support the maritime police units in and around the ports (Berbera, Bosasso, Mogadishu, Kismayo)**
- 2. Contribution to the development of the Somali Coast Guard**
- 3. Support to broader police development**



### Acting Head of Mission Chris Reynolds

Chris Reynolds (Irish), was appointed as EUCAP Somalia's Deputy Head of Mission and Chief of Staff in January 2019 and Acting Head of Mission for 1 September 2019. In 2016-2017 he served in the Mission as Head of Operations. Mr. Reynolds' maritime career started in the Irish Navy in 1979 as an Executive (Deck) Officer. Having served in all seagoing positions on board various Irish Naval vessels he joined the Irish Coast Guard in 1997 and was appointed Director of the Coast Guard in August 2007. Mr. Reynolds was invited to take the Chair of the Heads of the Coast Guards of the EU for 2012-2013 and of the North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum in 2017.





*“Our goal is to assist Somalia in establishing effective maritime law enforcement capabilities and support to broader police development, which will also contribute to the growth and sustainability of the Blue Economy.”*

*Chris Reynolds,  
Acting Head of Mission*



## EU's integrated approach

EUCAP Somalia is part of the EU's integrated approach to Somalia, which comprises of diplomatic efforts, development support, humanitarian aid as well as engagement in the field of law enforcement and rule of law. EUCAP Somalia works in close cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Somalia and two other operations under the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP): EUNAVFOR Operation Atalanta and EUTM Somalia.

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