



Nigerien, Innovative and Close to the Population

Police Mobile Border Control Companies (CMCF)

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What are the CMCF?

Police Mobile Border Control Companies (CMCF) are an innovative operational tool developed and managed by the Nigerien authorities. They are intended to enhance the surveillance, monitoring and safeguarding of land, river and lake borders with bordering countries to Niger.

With its significant mobility and adaptability, the CMCF will contribute to combatting multiple challenges in border zones: organised crime, counterfeit goods, drugs & weapons trafficking, trafficking of humans, irregular migration and terrorism.

A first company was deployed in May 2017 to the region of Maradi. With support from EUCAP Sahel Niger, the country now disposes of a second CMCF.



On permanent stand-by

The CMCF increases the need for a maximal state presence on the ground.

Each mobile company is comprised of five sections, which in turn are sub-divided into three brigades, ensuring a round the clock permanent presence.

Facts and Figures on the 2nd CMCF:

- New police unit composed of 252 men and women
- Trained and equipped by EUCAP Sahel Niger and partners
- Deployed in the region of Tahoua
- Capable to cover an area of 200 km² across the country
- A link between the local populations and state representation

Each CMCF ensures an enhanced control of the flow of people and goods in their zone of deployment. They also enable the Nigerien State to ensure a closer presence with the local population living in isolated areas.

The command of each CMCF is held by a Police Commissioner, who is assigned to implement and coordinate the national strategy for border security on the ground.

CMCF and EUCAP Sahel Niger

Under the leadership of the National Police, EUCAP Sahel Niger supports the creation of the second CMCF through the following:

Funding – The project is bilaterally financed by the Federal Republic of Germany (EUR6 million) and the Kingdom of Netherlands (EUR4 million).

Training – In collaboration with the National Police Academy, the Belgian Armed Forces and the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, EUCAP Sahel Niger is conducting a 6-month thorough training programme for CMCF personnel.

Controlling – Securing – Protecting

The complex security challenges in the Sahel pose increasingly risk to the local populations, especially to those living in border regions. A comprehensive response thus requires enhanced border controls to secure and protect the civil society.

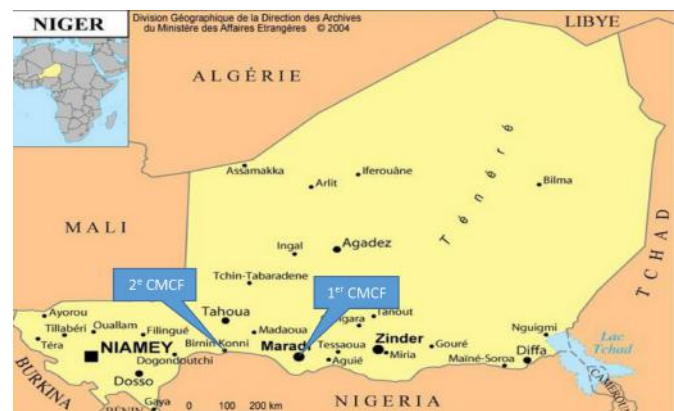
Birni N'Konni is a strategically relevant area in the border region to Nigeria with regards to the trade of goods and the flow of people. Considering Niger's 6,400 km of borders, the new CMCF is, however, designed to also operate in other areas of concern.

Initiated through the ministerial order of 29 August 2016, the CMCF project envisages the deployment of four mobile companies in total. The one deployed to Birni N'Konni is at this stage the second company.

Construction & Equipment – Thanks to a partnership with IOM, a barracks is currently under construction in Birni N'Konni. In addition, EUCAP Sahel Niger will provide relevant equipment to the National Police, to cover operating and running costs for the first 3 years.

Integration – A trustbuilding-project with the civil society helps to increase confidence between the CMCF and local populations living in the regions.

Innovation – The CMCF embodies the integrated approach to cooperation and security in the Sahel region, bringing together all the relevant competencies and expertise of EUCAP Sahel Niger and its partners.



The second CMCF is deployed in the region of Birni N'Konni.

EUCAP Sahel Niger is a civilian mission of the European Union that supports Niger in the fight against terrorism and organised crime. Within the framework of its mandate, the Mission also provides assistance to tackle irregular migration. EUCAP Sahel Niger is one of 16 EU Missions contributing to peace, stability and international security.

