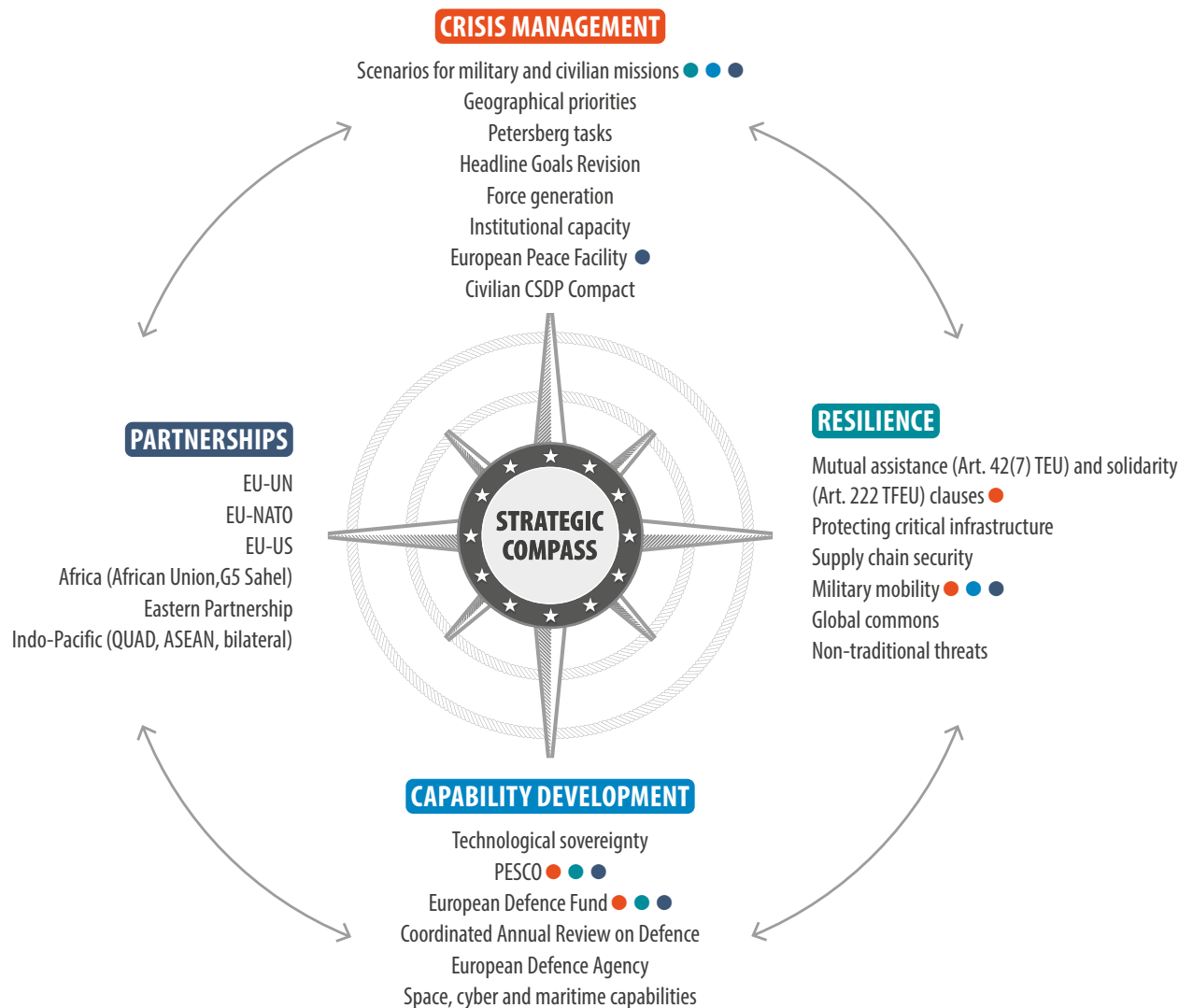


The European Union's 'Strategic Compass' process



The Strategic Compass aims to cement the foundations for a shared vision for EU security and defence among European Union Member States. This Member State-led process was initiated in 2020, during which a threat analysis was completed. Strategic dialogues among Member States are ongoing in 2021 to shape the content of the Compass on key issues grouped in four interconnected 'baskets'. Its goals are to operationalise the EU's strategic autonomy, a debated term, to refine the EU's level of ambition, and to better link the EU's strategic, operational and capability needs.