

# The Comprehensive Approach in the Horn of Africa\*

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## **Abstract**

The article acknowledges that the EU Comprehensive Approach is the right methodology and it should be used to contribute to tackle the complex problems the Horn of Africa is currently facing and its root causes. The authors recognize that only the joint employment of diverse tools and policies and by doing it in close co-operation with our Member States, it will be possible to have a meaningful intervention that will play its role in helping achieve stability and sustainable development in the region. The article takes the case of Somalia as a test case for the implementation of the Comprehensive Approach and concludes that the results have been encouraging. Notwithstanding the efforts made by the international community and the EU in particular, local ownership of the process and political will to restore a sustained peaceful environment remains crucial. The article concludes that the EU, collectively, has to define a common strategic vision, to focus on prevention, to mobilize existent strengths and capacities and to commit to a long-term Approach regarding crises in the region.

## **Resumo**

### **A Abordagem Abrangente no 'Corno de África'**

*O artigo parte do reconhecimento de que o método de abordagem abrangente é o melhor instrumento a aplicar na gestão dos problemas complexos que afetam a região do 'Corno de África' e no combate às suas causas. Os seus autores reconhecem que, apenas através do emprego conjunto de diversos instrumentos e políticas e de uma estreita cooperação entre Estados-membros será possível desenvolver um modo de atuação significativo, capaz de produzir um efeito de estabilidade e desenvolvimento sustentável na região. O artigo adota como estudo de caso sobre implementação de abordagem abrangente, o caso da Somália, concluindo que os seus efeitos se têm revelado eficazes. Pese embora os esforços desenvolvidos pela comunidade internacional e pela União Europeia em particular, a apropriação dos processos e vontade política para restaurar um ambiente de paz sustentável permanece como uma condição essencial. O artigo conclui, que a UE deve definir coletivamente uma visão estratégica comum, centrar-se na prevenção, mobilizar recursos e capacidades existentes e centrar-se numa abordagem de longa duração em relação às crises na região.*

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