

**Question for written answer E-001180/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Framework agreement on cooperation between the EU and Eurocorps

Eurocorps is a multinational military corps of approximately 1000 soldiers. It was established in 1992 at the initiative of Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand. It is an independent corps whose members are France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg and Poland, which joined recently. It has had experience with the ISAF mission in Afghanistan and the stabilisation mission in Bosnia.

Eurocorps is continually developing its capacity. Examples include its troops' participation in the EU training mission (EUTM) in Mali and its preparations for the role of Force Headquarters of the European Union Battle Group in 2016. It has also reached an agreement with NATO setting out the nature of their bilateral relations. However, the EU does not have such a framework agreement with Eurocorps, despite the fact that it can add value to the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), as exemplified by its participation in EUTM Mali.

Does the EEAS have any plans to establish and formalise relations between the European Union and Eurocorps and to include Eurocorps structures in the planning and conduct of CSDP missions on a permanent basis?