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## **EU establishes mission to advise on civilian security sector reform in Ukraine**

The Council today established the EU Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine), a civilian mission under the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton said: *"The Ukrainian Authorities have embarked on the critical path of civilian security sector reform and have requested the support of the European Union. The EU is deploying this mission to assist Ukraine in this reform, including police and the rule of law. It will provide strategic advice for the development of effective, sustainable and accountable security services that contribute to strengthening the rule of law in Ukraine, for the benefit of all Ukrainian citizens throughout the country."*

EUAM Ukraine will be an unarmed, non-executive civilian mission. EU advisers will initially focus on supporting the elaboration of revised security strategies and the rapid implementation of reforms, in coordination and coherence with other EU efforts, as well as with the OSCE and other international partners.

The headquarters of EUAM Ukraine will be in Kyiv, but regional outreach to support advisory tasks will start as soon as feasible. Today's decision allocates a budget of € 2.68 million for the start-up phase of the mission, i.e. until 30 November.

Operational planning and other preparations are underway and a civilian response team is in Kyiv. The formal launch of the mission's operations will take place once initial operating capability has been reached. The two-year mandate of the mission will start at that point.

More information:

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