

Question for written answer E-002247/2021/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: European Gendarmerie Force

The European Gendarmerie Force (EUROGENDFOR) is a rapidly deployable police force with military status. It has been created outside the legal framework of the EU, while its mission and capabilities overlap with that of the common security and defence policy (CSDP). EUROGENDFOR is designed to primarily serve the EU and relies on the same reservoir of gendarmerie-type forces that have already been made available to the EU by Member States¹.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) see EUROGENDFOR as a redundant force that undermines the development of the EU's own civilian crisis management capabilities?
2. How does EUROGENDFOR provide additional value to the CSDP?
3. What is the current situation regarding EUROGENDFOR and the implementation of the CSDP, and what developments does the VP/HR anticipate?

¹ Arcudi, G. and Smith, M. E, 'The European Gendarmerie Force: a solution in search of problems?', *European Security*, Vol. 22, No 1, Taylor & Francis, London, 2013, pp. 1-20.