

**Question for written answer E-004506/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** The EU Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support and the Palestinian Authority police crackdown

Since 2005, the EU has supported the development of the Palestinian Authority (PA) police through the EU Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support (EUPOL COPPS) mission, with the current annual budget amounting to EUR 12.6 million per year. The PA police has been extensively involved in the crackdown of the last few weeks and has detained and beaten peaceful protesters taking a stand against the death of the PA critic Nizar Banat<sup>1</sup>. While EUPOL COPPS aims to promote the rule of law and human rights, these latest abuses raise serious questions about what it has achieved. On 28 June 2021, in the middle of the crackdown, the Council extended the EUPOL COPPS mandate by one year.

1. What accountability measures will there be and what consequences will this have for the future of the mission?
2. What equipment has the EUPOL COPPS supplied to the PA police since its establishment and was any of it used in the latest crackdown?

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<sup>1</sup> Amnesty International, *Palestinian security forces escalate brutal campaign of repression*:  
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/07/palestinian-security-forces-escalate-brutal-campaign-of-repression/>