The EU remains firmly committed to supporting the stability and security of Iraq, including the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. As a non-military partner of the Global Coalition against Da’esh, the EU is working hand-in-hand with international partners and the Iraqi authorities.

While the EU does not provide financial support or equipment to Peshmerga forces, the EU does support Iraqi security forces (ISF) through ongoing counterterrorism and integrated border management programmes. In fact, the EU is funding a project, ‘Tansiq’, which aims at strengthening counterterrorism capacities of the ISF in response to the threats posed by extremist groups. The EU is also funding a project to improve security and the flow of goods and people on the Trebil Iraq/Joran border point, as well as a regional project to build more effective and efficient border management systems in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

The EU also remains engaged in Iraq through the EU Advisory Mission, which provides strategic advice to the Ministry of Interior and the Office of the National Security Advisor on overall reform of the civilian security sector. This includes strategic advice in areas such as fight against organised crime, protection of cultural heritage, border management, counterterrorism, human rights-compliant policing of protests, as well as women, peace and security.