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EU Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUPM)

The First Mission under the EU's Security and Defence Policy

On 1 January 2003, the European Union (EU) launched an EU Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). It was the first mission initiated under the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), envisaged to cover a three-year period (from January 2003 to December 2006)¹.

Following an invitation by the BiH authorities, the EU decided to establish a follow-on Mission to EUPM with a modified mandate and size. The refocused EUPM follow-on mission will have a duration of two years (from 1 January 2006 until the end of 2007). It will support the police reform process and will continue to develop and consolidate local capacity and regional cooperation in the fight against major and organised crime.

Mandate and Objectives

EUPM operates in line with the general objectives of Annex 11 of the Dayton/Paris Agreement and be supported by the European Community instruments. It aims to establish in BiH a sustainable, professional and multiethnic police service operating in accordance with best European and international standards.

More specifically, EUPM pursues the following objectives:

- a) Under the guidance of the EU Special Representative (EUSR), EUPM actively supports, advises and guides where appropriate, the preparation and implementation of police restructuring in line with the principles for police restructuring².
- b) Improve, through proactive mentoring, monitoring and inspecting, police managerial and operational capacities, especially at the State level, including relations with other law-enforcement agencies, in order to enhance BiH's capacity to fight organised

¹ EUPM, which followed on from the UN's International Police Task Force, is part of a broad approach followed by the EU and other actors, with activities addressing the whole range of Rule of Law aspects. In line with the general objectives of the Paris/Dayton Agreement, EUPM sought to establish sustainable policing arrangements under BiH ownership in accordance with best European and international practice.

² These principles are: (a) All legislative and budgetary competencies for all police matters must be vested at the State level; (b) No political interference with operational policing; (c) Functional local police areas must be determined by technical policing criteria, where operational command is exercised at the local level.

crime in accordance with existing international, and in particular regional, commitments and obligations.

- c) Assist the BiH Police in initiating and conducting counter-organised crime activities and follow up their actions. When inappropriate conduct is observed, refer to the High Representative for BiH for further action, in accordance with the determined procedures.
- d) In close coordination with the EUSR, monitor the exercise of political control over the police and address inappropriate political interference in the operational management of the police.

EUPM can request the High Representative for BiH to take appropriate steps in response to notifications by the EUPM of police officers and/or officials who are alleged to have violated the provisions of the General Framework Agreement for Peace, and/or obstructed its implementation by a failure to co-operate with the EUPM, and/or failed to adhere to democratic policing principles; and have not been sanctioned through appropriate domestic disciplinary procedures.

Mission Strength

As of January 2006, EUPM numbered 198 international staff members - 170 seconded police officers and 28 civilians - as well as some 200 BiH nationals. Contributing countries (24 EU and 9 others) are:

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| Austria | Greece | Portugal | Norway |
| Belgium | Hungary | Slovakia | Romania |
| Cyprus | Ireland | Slovenia | Russia |
| Czech Republic | Italy | Spain | Switzerland |
| Denmark | Latvia | Sweden | Turkey |
| Estonia | Lithuania | United Kingdom | Ukraine |
| Finland | Luxemburg | Bulgaria | |
| France | Netherlands | Canada | |
| Germany | Poland | Iceland | |

Brigadier General Vincenzo COPPOLA (Italy) has been appointed as EUPM's Head of Mission³. He has also been appointed permanent member of the Steering Board of the Directorate for Police Restructuring Implementation.

Achievements to date

EUPM has made considerable achievements in developing sustainable policing arrangements under BiH ownership. Some of EUPM's achievements to date include:

- the transformation of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) into an operational police agency with enhanced and executive powers to fight major and organised crime.

³ BG Vincenzo Coppola succeeded Assistant Commissioner Kevin Carty, who has served from 01.03 2004 to 31.12. 2005.

- solid development of other state-level institutions, in cooperation with the EC, not least the Ministry of Security (MoS) and the State Border Service (SBS).
- development of local ownership of the reform process through the establishment of the Police Steering Board, co-chaired by EUPM and local authorities.
- progress towards police reform with the Mission playing a key advisory role.
