The Mission of the EU Military Staff (EUMS), agreed by Member States, is defined in the EUMS Terms of Reference in the Council Decision of 7 April 2008, and is to: perform early warning, situation assessment and strategic planning for missions and tasks referred to in Article 42 and 43 of the Treaty of Lisbon, including those identified in the European Security Strategy.

This also encompasses the identification of European national and multinational forces and to develop and implement policies and decisions as directed by the European Union Military Committee (EUMC).

As the EU is conducting its seventh military operation/mission, the EUMS has become a key player in the development of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

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The EUMS provides in-house military expertise for the High Representative (HR) of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. Permanent since 11 June 2001, the EU Military Staff receives Taskings from the EU Military Committee (which represents the Chiefs of Defence of all the Member States).

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### STRUCTURE OF THE EUMS

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**Deputy Director General**
- Rear Admiral Bruce Williams

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- European Union Military Committee
- European External Action Service (EEAS)
- European Union Military Staff

**CEUMC**
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**CEUMCWG**
- European Union Military Committee Working Group

**CEUMC Chairman**
- European Union Military Committee Chairman

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**Intelligence (INT)**
- Directorate mission is “To provide intelligence input to early warning and situation assessment. To contribute to the EUMS planning through the provision of intelligence and intelligence planning expertise. To provide the intelligence input to crisis response planning and assessment for operations and exercises”.

**Operations (OPS)**
- Directorate mission is “To plan EU-led military crisis management operations, including post-launch strategic crisis response planning, develop strategic advance and crisis response planning, including early military assessment and planning in support of informed decision making; to monitor all CSDP operations and to generate the capacity to plan and run an autonomous operation”.

**Logistics (LOG)**
- Directorate mission is “To serve as a focal point for all matters in the functional areas of logistics, to contribute to the EUMS Planning through the provision of logistic planning expertise, to be responsible for logistic concepts and doctrine, to provide the logistic element of crisis response planning and assessment for operations and exercises and to provide administrative support to the EUMS”.

**Communications and Information Systems (CIS)**
- Directorate mission is “To develop, for the EUMS, policies and guidance for implementation, operation and maintenance of Communication and Information Systems, in support of CSDP activities. To contribute to EUMS planning through the provision of CIS planning expertise at the strategic and operational level, to provide the CIS element of crisis response planning and assessment for operations and exercises”.

**Executive Office (EXO)**
- Mission: “To coordinate the EUMS internal staffing of papers and other documents and the flow of information both internally and externally. EXO coordinates and ensures the external interface of the EUMS”.

**Chairman Military Committee Support (CMC SPT)**
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