

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya)

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MISSION BACKGROUND

EU Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) was deployed under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in May 2013 with the aim of supporting the Libyan authorities in improving and developing the security of the country's borders. This civilian Mission responds to an invitation by Libya and is part of the EU's comprehensive approach, which supports the Libyan post-conflict reconstruction. EUBAM Libya's mandate is for two years; its headquarters is located in Tripoli. EUBAM Libya does not carry out any executive functions and it is to achieve its objectives mainly through the transfer of know-how, not funds. The annual budget of the Mission is around €26 million.

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE

EUBAM Libya supports the Libyan authorities in developing border management and security at the country's land, sea and air borders. As a civilian crisis management mission with a capacity-building mandate, EUBAM assists Libyan authorities at strategic and operational level. The work is carried out through advising, training and mentoring Libyan counterparts in strengthening the border services in accordance with international standards and best practices, and by advising the Libyan authorities on the development of a national Integrated Border Management (IBM) strategy.



MISSION ACTIVITIES

At the strategic level EUBAM has helped the Libyan authorities to set up a cross-ministerial body, Border Management Working Group (BMWG), to coordinate the response among naval, police, border guards, customs, and all the other agencies involved. The Mission has also taken the lead, in close cooperation with the BMWG, in coordinating international support in the field of border management.

The content of EUBAM Libya's training, advising and mentoring activities have covered all areas of IBM, such as intra and inter-agency cooperation, risk management methods, optimal use of

existing equipment and restructuring of agencies to increase effectiveness. The Mission has trained and provided border management advice in several locations, including Ghadames, Ra's Ajdir, Tripoli and Misrata. Training and advice has been delivered to hundreds of Libyan border management officials on aviation security, customs best practices, vehicle and passport checks, risk analysis, international and inter-agency cooperation and maritime search and rescue, among other topics.

Due to the political and security situation in Libya, EUBAM has been operating from Tunisia since August 2014. Because of the limited possibilities to advise, mentor and train its Libyan counterparts, EUBAM Libya was downsized to 17 international mission members on 14 October. With this limited capacity, the Mission has continued to support the Libyan Customs and Naval Coast Guard through workshops and seminars organised outside Libya.

*The European Union's **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)** includes the gradual framing of a common defence policy which might in time lead to a common defence. The CSDP allows the Union to develop its civilian and military capacities for crisis management and conflict prevention at international level, thus helping to maintain peace and international security, in accordance with the United Nations Charter. The CSDP includes a strong conflict prevention component.*

*Based in Brussels, the **Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC)** is the permanent structure responsible for an autonomous operational conduct of civilian CSDP operations. Under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee and the overall authority of the High Representative, the CPCC ensures the effective planning and conduct of civilian CSDP crisis management operations, as well as the proper implementation of all mission-related tasks.*

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