

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya)



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MISSION BACKGROUND

The EU Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) was originally established in May 2013 under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), but the severe deterioration of the security situation in July 2014 forced the suspension of its activities and the evacuation to Tunis, alongside the rest of the international community.

Following the signature of the Libyan Political Agreement of December 2015, the mission was redeployed to work in coordination with Libyan authorities and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to assist and plan a comprehensive civilian security sector reform process.

EUBAM Libya's mandate was renewed for one year, until 21 August 2017, and its headquarters continue to operate from Tunis, where it is co-located with the EU Delegation Libya. EUBAM Libya does not have an executive mandate, and works primarily on strategic planning in law-enforcement, criminal justice and border management, while also providing support to the joint endeavours of the international community. The Mission's current staff ceiling is 23 internationals and its annual budget is €17 million.

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE

In accordance with the Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of 19 April 2016 and the Political and Security Committee conclusions of 11 May 2016, the Mission is tasked to conduct planning in view of a possible future civilian CSDP mission to support the Libyan Government of National Accord (GNA) upon their request. The Mission is one of the different components of the European Union engagement as part of its wider comprehensive approach.



Possible areas of engagement for a future new mission that are being explored include advice and capacity building in the fields of police and criminal justice, including border management, with a focus on counter-terrorism, countering irregular migration and smuggling of migrants and

trafficking of human beings, as part of a broader, Libyan-led support to the reform of the security sector.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Area of Operation: Libya

Headquarters: Temporarily located in Tunisia

Mission Launched on: 22 May 2013

Mandate Approved: 22 August 2016 to 21 August 2017

Head of Mission: Mr Vincenzo Tagliaferri

Contributing Member States: 10 (DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, NL, RO, SE)

Operation Budget: the current mandate is € 17 million



MISSION ACTIVITIES

Within its planning mandate, EUBAM Libya supports a need assessment exercise for the Libyan law-enforcement and the criminal justice sector, including the capacity to fight terrorism. Specific priorities related to border management comprise the fight against trafficking of human beings, migrant smuggling, as well as the improvement of Libya's border control capacity and customs.

The Mission conducts its activities through:

- Progressive engagement with, and assistance to Libyan authorities, upon their request;
- Support planning activities in law-enforcement, criminal justice and border management;
- Assess the capacities and needs of Libyan institutional actors competent for the key strategic domains of engagement;
- Coordinate with and support international community engagements, most notably UNSMIL.

In view of its possible return to Libya, the Mission operated through high-level working sessions in Tunisia. EUBAM is a privileged partner of Libyan security institutions, with whom it established bilateral strategic coordination platforms. Moreover, EUBAM Libya facilitates the coordination and cooperates with international partners engaged in Libya, such as the United Nations, Member States, EUNAVFOR MED Sophia, Frontex and local and international non-governmental organisations.



*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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