The EU has decided to launch an EU police advisory team (EUPAT) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in the framework of the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).

The launch of EUPAT follows the termination on 14 December 2005 of the mandate of the EU Police Mission PROXIMA, launched on 15 December 2003.

**Aims/Scope of EUPAT**

EUPAT will further support the development of an efficient and professional police service based on European standards of policing. Under the guidance of the EUSR and in partnership with the host Government authorities, EU police experts will monitor and mentor the country's police on priority issues in the field of Border Police, Public Peace and Order and Accountability, the fight against corruption and Organised Crime. EUPAT activities will focus on the middle and senior levels of management.

To this end, EUPAT will give special attention to:

- overall implementation of police reform in the field,
- police judiciary cooperation,
- professional standards/internal control.
**Size, Structure and Duration of the Mission**

The operational phase of EUPAT will begin on 15 December 2005.

The Mission will have a duration of 6 months.

EUPAT will include around 30 police advisors.

Mr Jürgen SCHOLZ has been appointed Head of Mission for EUPAT.

EUPAT will consist of the following elements:

(a) headquarters in Skopje, composed of the Head of EUPAT and staff as defined in the General Plan;

(b) one central co-location unit at the Ministry of Interior level;

(c) mobile units co-located within the country at appropriate levels.

**Political Control**

The EU’s Political and Security Committee (PSC) will provide the political control and strategic direction. The Secretary General/High Representative (SG/HR) will give guidance to the Head of EUPAT through the EU Special Representative (EUSR).

**Budget**

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUPAT will be EUR 1,5 million.