One of the five Operation Headquarters made available to the European Union, the IT EU OHQ has achieved Full Operational Capability in 2008 with the conduct of the MILEX 08 and was subsequently activated for the first time in Real World Operation for EUFOR Libya from April to November 2011.

The other four EU National Operational Headquarters have been made available for use by the EU to fulfil the OHQ role:

- French CPCO - Centre de Planification et de Conduite des Opérations - is situated at the à l’État major des Armées, 231 boulevard St Germain, in Paris. Near Paris also is the French Mont Valérien command-and-control facility, where a French declared OHQ for EU operations is located;
- British PJHQ at the Northwood Headquarters northwest of London;
- Germany's Armed Forces Operational Command near Potsdam;
- EU OHQ in Larissa.

Its stated mission is to “To Plan conduct and terminate a military crisis response operation, EU driven, in accordance with agreed EU concepts and procedures”.

The IT EU OHQ covers an area of 3700 square metres and is articulated in 70 rooms, which are furnished and equipped to host the OHQ staff – as well as the national nucleus/units activated for its support.

Within its premises, the IT EU OHQ can host in excess of 200 civil and military planners who work together to accomplish the mission assigned by Brussels.

For EUNAVFOR MED operation the IT EU OHQ has been activated with 175 personnel position, almost 60 to be filled by different country of Member States.