

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY



EU Police Mission in Afghanistan FACTSHEET

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MISSION BACKGROUND

EUPOL Afghanistan (European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan) is a civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) mission. It has since its establishment in 2007 supported the Afghan Government in building a civilian police service that operates within an improved rule of law framework and in respect of human rights. The Mission is part of the EU's long-term commitment and contributes to the EU's overall political and strategic objectives in Afghanistan. EUPOL Afghanistan's support is delivered by its police experts from EU Member States, mainly through advising at the strategic level to the Afghan Ministry of Interior. EUPOL carries out its tasks in a joint effort with the Afghan government and in close cooperation with a number of local and international partners.



MANDATE

The Mission focuses on institutional reform of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and on the professionalisation of the Afghan National Police (ANP), including the development of local training capacity and institutions. In addition, it supports the improved interaction among Afghan law enforcement and criminal justice actors such as cooperation between police officers and prosecutors in criminal investigations. Human rights and gender, as well as aspects related to enhancing accountability and transparency are being mainstreamed across all Mission's activities. In all its undertakings, EUPOL Afghanistan ensures that the needs, abilities and skills of the local authorities guide the reform process. The EU has extended EUPOL's presence in Afghanistan until the end of 2016.

During 2016 EUPOL Afghanistan focuses its activities on two **lines of operation**:

1) Institutional reform of the Ministry of Interior (MoI)

EUPOL advances the Ministry of Interior's institutional capacity building, including its ability to coordinate international support through improved long-term planning, management and leadership, policy implementation and accountability. This includes advising at the strategic level with selected key counterparts.



2) Professionalisation of the Afghan National Police (ANP)

EUPOL is advancing the professionalisation and efficiency of the ANP as a civilian police service. Particular attention will be given to professional standards, community policing, criminal investigation capacities, intelligence-led policing, female police officers, management of training institutions and the fight against corruption. To support the improving leadership and command capabilities the senior management of the General Training Command and specifically of the Police Staff College as well as the Crime Management College will be advised towards common standards within the police educational system.



MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Theatre: Afghanistan

Headquarters: Kabul

Starting Date: June 2007

End Date: 31 Dec 2016

Head of Mission: Pia Stjernvall (Finland)

Mission strength: 156 international staff and 166 local staff (Dec 2015)

Contributing Member States: 24 EU MS

Mission Budget for 2016: 43,7 Million Euro



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