

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY



EU Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN)

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MISSION BACKGROUND

The EU Police Mission in Afghanistan was set up in 2007 in the context of the international community's efforts to support the Afghans in taking responsibility for law and order. EUPOL has a high value as the only multilateral actor able to **provide highly qualified civilian policing expertise as well as Rule of Law expertise**. This civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) mission is part of the overall EU commitment to Afghanistan and of a coordinated EU approach that includes local political guidance provided by the EU Special Representative and a reconstruction effort managed notably through the European Union delegation in Kabul. EUPOL Afghanistan is deployed at central (Kabul), regional and provincial levels, in several Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). On the picture above you see EUPOLs handover of the Ring of Steel to the Afghan Police.



The Mission has approximately **350 international and 200 local staff**. 23 Member States plus two contributing states (Canada, Croatia). The Head of Mission is the Police Commissioner **Karl Åke Roghe** from Sweden.

End of Mandate: 31. Dezember 2014. Budget: 108 million Euro between 1 June 2013 and 31. December 2014.

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE

*The aim of the mission is to contribute to the **establishment of sustainable and effective civilian policing arrangements that will ensure appropriate interaction with the wider criminal justice system under Afghan ownership**. The mission is supporting the **reform process towards a trusted police service working within the framework of the rule of law and respecting human rights**.*

The mission provides **leadership and specialised training** and **mentors** and **advises** the Afghan Ministries of the Interior and Justice, the Attorney General's Office in Kabul and several provinces. EUPOL helps the Afghans to develop their civilian policing skills.

EUPOL Afghanistan focuses its activities on the **three pillars of 1) institutional reform of the MoI, 2) professionalization of the ANP and 3) connecting police to justice reform**.

In these three pillars, EUPOL is working towards six objectives: 1) police command, control and communications; 2) intelligence-led policing; 3) criminal investigation department capacity building; 4) implementation of the anti-corruption strategy; 5) police-justice cooperation; and 6) strengthening gender and Human rights aspects within the Afghan National Police (ANP).

MISSION ACHIEVEMENTS:

Here some examples of how EUPOL translates these objectives into concrete activities:



POLICE STAFF COLLEGE/CRIME MANAGEMENT COLLEGE

At both EUPOL's Police staff and Crime Management College the senior leaders of the Afghan National Police (ANP) and detectives are trained. Since its opening in July 2010, over **6000 students** and **2000 detectives** attended at least one of the 30 courses offered. All courses are still held in temporary classrooms. The construction of an EU funded Police Staff College building is under way and will be completed in October 2013.

COMMUNITY BASED POLICING

EUPOL helps to **introduce principles of community-based policing** in Police Districts in Kabul and other parts of the country, for instance in Mazar-e Sharif, Kunduz, Herat and Helmand. In this project, which is financially supported by the EU, GIZ and UK, EUPOL helps to reform police districts into models for a **more effective and more community oriented policing by training, advising and mentoring**. Step-by-step EUPOL helps the ANP in transforming into a Police Service.



ADVISING AND MENTORING THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

EUPOL experts **advise the leadership of the Ministry of the Interior** and how to build-up and command an effective Afghan Police. EUPOL developed over 260 different police plans/policies which constitute a firm strategic and operational framework to the overall police reform process.

LINKING POLICE TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

EUPOL places great emphasis on enhancing cooperation and coordination procedures between police and prosecutors in investigations. The ultimate goal is to improve **public trust in the Afghan justice system**. An Afghan-led Police-Prosecutor Cooperation Manual has been developed, which is used in EUPOL Coordination of Police and Prosecutor (CoPP)-Trainings targeting over **1.000 regional police officers and prosecutors** in Kabul, Mazar, Herat, Bamyan and Tarin Kowt.



SUPPORTING THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

EUPOL works towards enhancing relationships **between anti-corruption police investigators and prosecutors**. It contributes to effective, credible and sustainable anti-corruption detection and investigative capabilities. The Mission aims at a year on year increase on the number of police corruption cases that are forwarded to the Attorney General. EUPOL trains and mentors the Anti-Corruption Units. Specialised training is also delivered in the regions.



STRENGTHENING GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE POLICE

Eliminating of violence against women is a major focus of EUPOL, who assist **Family Response Units of the Afghan Police**. They are assisted in the establishment of the Office of the Police Ombudsman and a Department of Human Right and Gender. EUPOL has also developed a human rights and police booklet and an accompanying training package that can be used by international and Afghan trainers to train the police on basic human rights.

