

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya)



MISSION BACKGROUND

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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, where it works with all different European endeavours as part of the EU comprehensive approach. 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 plan in view of a possible future civilian CSDP mission to support the Libyan Government of National Accord (GNA), upon their request. EUBAM Libya does not have an executive mandate, and works primarily on strategic planning in security, borders and criminal justice, while also providing ad hoc assistance to Libyan legitimate authorities.



Key priority areas include policing, the fight against organized crime and counter-terrorism, border management, including the capacity fight trafficking of human beings and migrant smuggling, customs, and their interrelation of all of these fields with the wider criminal justice chain. EUBAM Libya works in these fields to design further advice and capacity building activities as part of a broader, Libyan-led support to the reform of the security sector. Moreover, in close coordination with the United Nations, EUBAM supports planning efforts to consolidate the capacity of Libyan security forces, with the aim to foster a safe and secure environment for all Libyans.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Area of Operation: Libya

Headquarters: Temporarily relocated in Tunisia

Mission Launched on: 22 May 2013

Current Mandate: 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)

Operational 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 organised crime and terrorism. Specific priorities related to borders comprise the fight against trafficking of human beings, migrant smuggling, and the improvement of Libya's border control capacity and customs.

The Mission conducts its activities through:

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

In view of its possible return to Libya, the Mission regularly travels to Tripoli where it works with its counterparts, and coordinates high-level working sessions in Tunisia with the international community. EUBAM is a privileged partner of Libyan security institutions and border management entities, with whom it established bilateral strategic coordination platforms. In this context, it provides strategic advice to contribute to the reinforcement of Libya's legitimate security actors. In this perspective, the Mission 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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