

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. At the request of Libyan institutions, EUBAM advises and supports local partners in improving their institutional frameworks, cooperation capacities, operational concepts and training policies.

EUBAM Libya's mandate was renewed until 31 December 2018, and its headquarters continue to operate from Tunis, where it is co-located with the EU Delegation Libya. The Mission conducts regular visits to Tripoli to engage and assist its partners, and assess the state of border, law-enforcement and criminal justice institutions. In August 2017 the Mission's staff ceiling was raised to 38 internationals, with a budget of €17 million (until November 2017).

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE

In accordance with the Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of 19 April 2016, the Mission is tasked to plan in view of a possible future civilian CSDP mission to support the Government of National Accord (GNA), upon their request. EUBAM Libya does not have an executive mandate, and works primarily on strategic planning and assistance to institutions charged to manage Libya's borders, the Police and criminal justice actors.



Key priority areas include policing, the fight against organized crime and counter-terrorism, border management, including the fight against smuggling and trafficking of human beings, customs, and their interrelation with the wider criminal justice chain. EUBAM Libya works in these fields to advise and design further capacity building activities as part of a broader, Libyan-led support to the reform of the security sector. EUBAM is the privileged interlocutor of Libya's national platforms to reform its border management system. Moreover, in coordination with the

United Nations, EUBAM supports the consolidation of the capacity of Libyan security forces,

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Area of Operation: Libya

Headquarters: Temporarily relocated in Tunisia

Mission Launched on: 22 May 2013

Current Mandate: 22 August 2017 to 31 December 2018

Head of Mission: Mr Vincenzo Tagliaferri

Contributing Member States: 11 (DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, NL, RO, SE, UK)

Operational Budget: the current mandate is € 17 million



with the aim to foster a safe and secure environment for all Libyans.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

Within its planning mandate, EUBAM Libya supports the comprehensive assessment of Libya's border management and law-enforcement and criminal justice sectors, including the capacity to fight organised crime and terrorism. While based in Tunis, EUBAM Libya performs regular field missions to Tripoli to support and advice Libya's legitimate institutions.

The Mission conducts its activities through:

- Progressive engagement with, and assistance to Libyan authorities at their request;
- Plan and support activities in border management, law-enforcement and criminal justice;
- Assess the state, capacities and needs of the Libyan institutional actors. Contribute to the development of their security planning, advices on their institutional coordination, and facilitate the implementation of international best practices;
- Coordinate with and support international community engagements, most notably UNSMIL.

In view of its return to Libya coordinates high-level working sessions in Tunisia with the international community. EUBAM is a privileged partner of Libyan security institutions and border management entities. EUBAM supports the improvement of Libya's institutional setting in these areas, and provides strategic advice to contribute to the reinforcement of Libya's legitimate actors. In this perspective, the Mission facilitates their exchange of information and coordinates with international partners engaged in Libya, such as the United Nations, Member States, EUNAVFOR MED Sophia, Frontex, Europol and local and international non-governmental organisations.



United Nations Charter. The CSDP includes a strong conflict prevention component.

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