



EU MISSION IN ARMENIA (EUMA)



EUMA is a non-executive, non-armed civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission.

Mandate: EUMA will observe and report on the security situation along the Armenian side of the international border with Azerbaijan. It will contribute to human security in conflict-affected areas in Armenia and contribute to build confidence between Armenia and Azerbaijan. EUMA is an essential component of the EU's efforts in supporting peace in the region. It is a tool to support the mediation efforts, led by President Charles Michel High Representative Josep Borrell and EU Special Representative, Toivo Klaar.



Context: The EU established EUMA in response to an official request made by the Armenian authorities in December 2022 to deploy a full-fledged EU civilian mission on the ground. This deployment follows the successful experience of the EU Monitoring Capacity (EUMCAP) deployed on the Armenian side of the Armenia-Azerbaijan border between 20 October 2022 and 19 December 2022.



Area covered: EUMA will be deployed on the Armenian side of the Armenia-Azerbaijan border. Headquarters will be in Yeghegnadzor, with six Forward Operating Bases allowing it to cover the area, and a liaison office in Yerevan. EUMA is exclusively deployed and operating within the internationally recognized territory of Armenia. The Lachin corridor is therefore outside of the area of responsibility of EUMA.



Coordination with Armenia: EUMA will coordinate all its activities with the Armenian authorities. It also intends to inform the Azerbaijani side of relevant developments as appropriate.



Mission established by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 23 January 2023.



Mission launched by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 20 February 2023, Official opening of Headquarters in Yeghegnadzor and Initial Operational Capacity reached also on 20 February.



Head of Mission Markus Ritter (DE) comes from the German Federal Police and has long-standing expertise in civilian CSDP Mission, having served as Head of Mission EUAM Iraq from 2017-2019 and in many other EU civilian missions before that.



Mission Staff: The mission expects to have a full complement 103 international staff on the ground by the summer. EUMA is a civilian mission staffed exclusively with unarmed observer experts from EU Member States and overseen by EU civilian headquarters in Brussels. The entire chain of command is civilian. It is up to each EU Member State to provide experts from their respective relevant ministries and agencies.



Duration of mandate: EUMA will have a 2-year mandate which can be renewed.