



Francisco ESTEBAN PÉREZ

Civilian Operations Commander /

Director of the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC)

European External Action Service (EEAS)

Francisco Esteban Pérez has been appointed the European Union's Civilian Operations Commander and Director of the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) at the European External Action Service (EEAS) on 1 October 2020. In this function, he commands the European Union's currently 11 civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Missions.

In his previous appointment, Major-General Esteban Pérez of the Spanish Civil Guard served as the Commander of the Civil Guard in Castilla-La Mancha. Between 2019 and 2020, he held the position of Head of the Cabinet of the Director General of the Civil Guard.

On the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General in April 2016, he took over the Staff Headquarters of the Personnel Command of the Directorate General of the Civil Guard.

From June 2013 to June 2015, he was the Commander of the Permanent Headquarters of the European Gendarmerie Force (EUROGENDFOR) in Vicenza, Italy.

From 2001 to 2010, he was actively involved in development of the European Union's civilian crisis management in various positions: Counsellor to the Committee on Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management in the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU in Brussels (Belgium); Policy Officer at the European Commission in the Directorate for Quality Support, Unit E-5 (Security and Migration); and as a Policy Officer in the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) of the EU External Action Service, participating in the planning of civilian crisis management operations.

His international experience is complemented by his participation in the Extended Multinational Advisory Police Element (MAPEXT) mission of the Western European Union (Brussels Strategic Headquarters, Operations Division); Multinational Advisory Police Element (MAPE) mission of the Western European Union in Tirana (Albania) as Head of Border Police Team and Head of the Analysis Department; and in a Bilateral Cooperation Programme in La Paz (Bolivia) as Adviser to the Ministry of Interior on Public Order issues.

At the beginning of his professional career, he held various command positions of Specialised Units of the Civil Guard, including Judicial Police, Traffic Group, Rural Counterterrorism Group (GAR), Citizen Security, etc.

He has conducted courses in Criminal and Forensic Investigation, Command and Leadership, Peacekeeping Operations, Special Training, Judicial Police, Armament and Police Equipment and Explosives Deactivation, amongst others.

He holds a law degree and an Army General Staff diploma.

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