

COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya)



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MANDATE AND OBJECTIVE(S)

The EU Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) is increasing its presence in Tripoli (including the permanent presence of the Head of Mission), a fact that has granted increased access and assurance to its Libyan counterparts and underlined the Mission's commitment to support the Government of National Accord (GNA).

Whilst the mission transitions, in advance of a new mandate, into becoming a civilian operational mission to Libya, it is currently engaging and assisting the GNA at their request. This enhanced



relationship and engagement with its Libyan counterparts is also crucial for advancing the coherence of the European Union (EU) integrated approach, and the overall EU engagement in the region.

The Mission is providing coordination functionality to many EU funded projects, using its monitoring and mapping of needs within the GNA administration and the Libyan civilian rule of law institutions. The Mission is also undertaking strategic planning and advise to Libyan bodies charged with managing borders and migration, policing, the criminal justice

chain.

MISSION BACKGROUND

EUBAM Libya was established in May 2013 under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), but the deterioration of the security situation in Libya in July 2014 forced an evacuation to Tunis, alongside the rest of the international community.

Following the signature of the Libyan Political Agreement in 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 has been most recently renewed until 31 December 2018, and is currently under review. With its enhanced presence in Tripoli, the mission headquarters is presently in Tunis, co-located with the EU Delegation to Libya. In August 2017, the Mission's staff ceiling was raised to 38 internationals.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Area of Operation: State of Libya

Headquarters: Temporarily relocated to Tunis

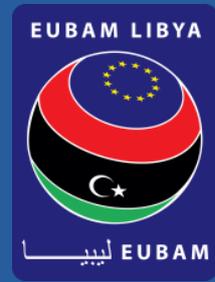
Mission Launched on: 22 May 2013

Current Mandate: 22 August 2017 to 31 December 2018 (under review)

Head of Mission: Mr Vincenzo Tagliaferri

Contributing Member States: 14 (AT, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, PO, RO, SE & UK)

Operational Budget: € 31,2 million



MISSION ACTIVITIES

The Mission has supported the development of the "Concept Note Towards a White Paper." This document outlines the structure for an integrated border management system in Libya. EUBAM has also been engaged in the preparation of an important element of this system – the creation of the Maritime Strategy Sub-Working Group working within the framework of the Border Management Working Group.

EUBAM Libya has facilitated the creation of working groups facilitating the cooperation and exchange of information within the Libyan security system, as well as between the international community and Libyan partners. The Border Management Working Group ensures the coordination in border security. The creation of the Migration Working Group, consists of representatives from across Libyan ministries tackling the issue of irregular migration. EUBAM Libya's advice regarding counter terrorism led to the establishment of the National Counter-Terrorism Working Group. Similarly two cooperation platforms in the areas of criminal justice and policing were created: the Criminal Investigations and Criminal Justice Round Table, and the Organised Crime Panel, allowing for an active exchange of information and experiences. The Mission is also engaging in the examination of partner needs in border management in the south. Participation of EUBAM staff in three missions organised by EUCAP Sahel Niger to the Libya-Niger border has contributed to this task.

EUBAM has formalised and structured its cooperation with the Ministry of Justice by signing a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines future spheres of collaboration. Similarly the Mission has facilitated a series of training courses for various civilian security sector agencies and actors in Libya.

EUBAM is focusing on streamlining human rights and gender policies into activities and internal policies.

EUBAM's strengthened presence in Libya has boosted the Mission as the eyes and ears of EU member states. The centrality of the Mission to its partners provides EUBAM Libya with strong leverage to shape and advise actors across the board. EUBAM Libya has been recognised as a central hub of expertise and coordination on all civilian security sector related concerns in Libya.

*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.*

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