

BASIC FACTS



EULEX KOSOVO

European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo

THE MISSION

EULEX Kosovo was established in 2008 to support Kosovo institutions, judicial authorities and law enforcement agencies in developing an effective judiciary free from political interference. The Mission is the largest civilian mission launched under the Common Security and Defence Police (CSDP) of the European Union.

The Mission works together with Kosovo rule of law institutions to support their sustainability and accountability and further develop an independent multi-ethnic justice system, as well as multi-ethnic police and customs services.

The legal basis for the Mission's functioning is set by the Council of the European Union Joint Action of 4 February 2008. The Mission's current mandate has been extended until 14 June 2016. EULEX works within the framework of the UN Security Council Resolution 1244.

MANDATE

EULEX implements its mandate through four operational objectives.

Through its "Monitoring, Mentoring and Advising (MMA)" objective, the Mission focuses on providing support to Kosovo's rule of law institutions at the strategic level. EULEX delivers assistance to the senior management of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Kosovo Police (including Border Police and Police Inspectorate Kosovo), Kosovo Customs, Kosovo Correctional Services, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Internal Affairs (including the Civil Registration Agency and the Department for Citizenship, Asylum and Migration).

Through its "Executive" objective, EULEX ensures that rule of law services are delivered until the progress of local authorities allows complete transition of executive functions to local authorities. This includes investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of war crimes, terrorism, organised crime, corruption and other serious crimes.

EULEX civil judges will also continue to adjudicate property disputes stemming from the conflict and privatisation matters until all cases are resolved by a final ruling.



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Under the current mandate of the Mission, EULEX judges and prosecutors are embedded within the Kosovo institutions. The focus of EULEX executive staff is to complete cases initiated before 15 April 2014. Under the “normally no new cases policy”, EULEX does not take on new cases unless extraordinary circumstances apply.

EULEX fosters contacts with police and judicial authorities in the region and beyond (INTERPOL and EUROPOL) to ensure their support to all investigations and liaises with relevant Serbian authorities.

Through its “North” objective, the Mission aims to restore the rule of law throughout the north of Kosovo. EULEX maintains its executive functions at the Mitrovica Basic Court as part of a sustainable solution within the EU-facilitated Dialogue between Pristina and Belgrade. EULEX continues to provide structured MMA support to the key leadership of Kosovo Regional Command North and advocates for a functional multi-ethnic Mitrovica Detention Centre, fully integrated into the Kosovo Correctional Service. EULEX maintains a Formed Police Unit capacity to deal with limited public order incidents and supports the development of Kosovo Police Crowd and Riot Control capacities. It monitors and assists Kosovo Border Police in setting up the necessary structures for green border control in the north.

Through its “Support to Dialogue Implementation” objective, the Mission provides technical support to the implementation of the rule-of-law-related agreements reached in the EU-facilitated dialogue. This includes integration of Kosovo Serbs into the Kosovo security structures, the establishment of verified civil registries, as well as supporting a functioning religious and cultural heritage unit within the Kosovo Police.

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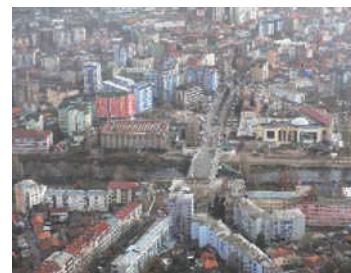
EULEX is fully dedicated to the inclusion of human rights as well as a gender perspective and gender-mainstreaming standards in all of its activities, both within the Mission and while working with Kosovo institutions.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

- Current Mission's mandate: until 14 June 2016
- Headquarters: Pristina, Kosovo
- Authorised strength: 1,600 staff members
- Budget: The annual budget is around 111 million Euros



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