

## MISSING PERSONS



EULEX forensic experts work with local counterparts at the Institute of Forensic Medicine and other relevant Kosovo institutions to determine the fate of missing persons by offering expertise and advice, in order for family members to realize their right to know the truth.

### From inception of the Mission to 14 June 2024

EULEX has actively participated in **805 field operations** to locate missing persons, including **210 exhumations**. The remains of **507 individuals have been identified**, including **348 missing persons**.

EULEX continues to manage its own witness protection programme.



The Mission assists the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office with logistic and operational support in line with relevant Kosovo legislation.

### QUICK FACTS

#### Head of Mission:

Giovanni Pietro Barbano (Italy)

 Duration of current mandate:  
14 June 2023 – 14 June 2025

 ≈ 400 local and international staff

 Pristina, Kosovo

#### Legal basis:

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1095
- Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of February 2008
- UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)

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## WHO WE ARE

The European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX Kosovo) was launched in 2008 as the largest civilian mission under the Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union. Its mission is to support selected Kosovo rule of law institutions on their path towards increased effectiveness, sustainability, multi-ethnicity and accountability, free from political interference and in line with international human rights standards and best European practices.

## WHAT WE DO

EULEX assesses the adherence of selected Kosovo institutions to the rule of law and human rights obligations, with a clear commitment against any form of human rights abuse or discrimination.

EULEX implements its mandate through the Monitoring Pillar and the Operations Support Pillar. The Mission is dedicated to the inclusion of human rights and gender-mainstreaming standards in all its activities.



## MONITORING PILLAR



EULEX assesses the functioning of the Kosovo judiciary in terms of procedural, legal and human rights compliance through monitoring of selected cases at the entire chain of the criminal justice system, i.e. on police, prosecutorial and judicial level.

From June 2018 to 14 June 2024, EULEX's justice monitors attended:



including high-profile cases, war crimes cases, gender-based violence cases, corruption cases, and cases previously dealt with by EULEX. This monitoring results in reports with findings and recommendations for the Kosovo authorities aimed at improving the justice system.

EULEX supports, through monitoring, mentoring and advising activities, the efforts of the Kosovo Correctional Service and of the Kosovo Probation Service to develop a professional management team.

From 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2024  
EULEX's Correctional Unit staff:

- Conducted over 1,000 field visits to various correctional facilities and to regional probation offices.
- Held around 800 meetings with Kosovo Correctional Service staff and 84 meetings with Kosovo Probation Service staff at their headquarters to support the management in addressing strategic issues and in providing adequate and correctly targeted rehabilitation activities for both prisoners and probation clients.
- Supported training sessions for around 2,280 participants.

## OPERATIONS SUPPORT PILLAR



EULEX is Kosovo's second security responder, as part of a three-tiered security responder mechanism. The EULEX's Formed Police Unit (FPU) can only engage at the explicit request of the first security responder in order to contribute to the maintenance and promotion of public order and security in cases of civil disturbance.

The FPU carries out mobile reconnaissance patrols to gain situational awareness and continuously engages in joint crowd-and-riot control exercises with the Kosovo Police and KFOR.

### INTERNATIONAL POLICE COOPERATION

EULEX facilitates the exchange of police information between the Kosovo Police and Interpol, Europol or the Serbian Ministry of Interior.

Requests received and sent by EULEX  
from 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2024

