



Formed Police Unit of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo

The Formed Police Unit (FPU) of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) consists of **105 Police Officers** seconded by Poland.

The **main objective** of the FPU is to support the **stability of Kosovo** and contribute to the **security** of women, men, girls and boys from all **communities** in Kosovo.

SECOND SECURITY RESPONDER

The EULEX FPU is Kosovo's **second security responder**, forming part of a three-layer security responder mechanism where Kosovo Police is the first security responder, EULEX is the second, and NATO/KFOR is the third.



In its role as second security responder the EULEX 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.



From June 2018 to date, the FPU acted as second security responder in two cases:

- On **28 May 2019**, the FPU increased the frequency of patrols in northern Kosovo for more than a week at the request of the Kosovo Police, following an anti-smuggling operation conducted on the same day.
- From **20 September to 14 October 2021**, the EULEX FPU deployed to Bërnjak/Tabalije and Rudnica/Jarinjë Common Crossing Points in a reconnaissance role at the request of the Kosovo Police in line with EULEX's mandate as Kosovo's second security responder.

A **Quick Reaction Force (QRF)** is on standby 24 hours a day in Mitrovica and has very short response times.



RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS

To gain situational awareness, the FPU is conducting mobile reconnaissance patrols 24/7, working in shifts.



CROWD AND RIOT CONTROL EXERCISES



The FPU is supporting Kosovo Police's crowd and riot control capabilities through the organisation of training exercises on tactical and command staff levels. Through such exercises, the Kosovo Police, EULEX and NATO/KFOR, Kosovo's three security responders ensure smooth coordination in case of a real-life deployment.



From 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2023, the FPU has participated in ten joint trainings with the Kosovo Police and NATO/KFOR, 11 trainings with the Kosovo Police and 70 trainings with NATO/KFOR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



The FPU is providing **operational support to the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office** in line with relevant Kosovo legislation.



The FPU is **regularly training** to retain and further develop its skills through shooting trainings, orientation skills trainings, firearm trainings, x-ray equipment trainings, tactical combat life support trainings, medical evacuation trainings, and use of force trainings. FPU members regularly donate blood.



In December 2022, during the security crisis in northern Kosovo, the FPU delivered essential supplies to the Kosovo Police officers at the Rudnica/ Jarinjë Common Crossing Point and accompanied regular Kosovo Police officers rotating and replacing regular police officers at the police station in Leposavić/Leposaviq.

Taking into consideration the security environment in Kosovo, the FPU can be temporarily reinforced with a **Reserve FPU** in order to respond to EULEX's need to have additional forces on the ground and be able to better support its Kosovo counterparts if requested and if necessary.

Since March 2022, gendarmes from Portugal, France, Italy, and Lithuania provided by the European Gendarmerie Force have been temporarily deployed to Kosovo.

Throughout the deployment of the Reserve FPU in Kosovo, the **FPU and the Reserve FPU work shoulder to shoulder to fulfil EULEX's mandate**. They also participate in joint trainings with the Kosovo Police and NATO/KFOR.

