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Delegations will find enclosed the presentation given by the the representative of the Civilian Operations Headquarters (CivOps) during the meeting of the EMWP held on 18 June 2025, Item 4 on agenda CM 2927/25.



## Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration

“Optimising cooperation along migratory routes and strengthening the EU’s comprehensive approach to building security in partner countries: contribution from CSDP missions”

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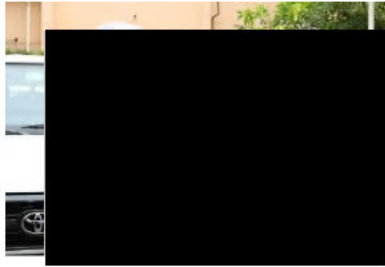
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#### CONTEXT:

- Follow-up discussions under previous Presidencies. To note regulatory revision FRONTEX, EUROPOL etc
- Member States decide on CSDP. For civilian CSDP missions, the relevant Council bodies PSC supported by CIVCOM agree on launching and establishing a mission including relevant mandate, planning documents, related strategies and capabilities.
- Civilian CSDP missions can contribute practically to EU/MS actions on different internal/external security aspects of migration policy (see New Pact on Migration and Asylum, EU internal security strategy, Strategic Compass, Civilian Compact).
- Benefits of sharing expertise between CSDP and JHA Council bodies, with Member States JHA line ministries and inside EU institutions and agencies.
- Practical goals: leverage Member States secondments and human resources for EU external security action including CSDP.



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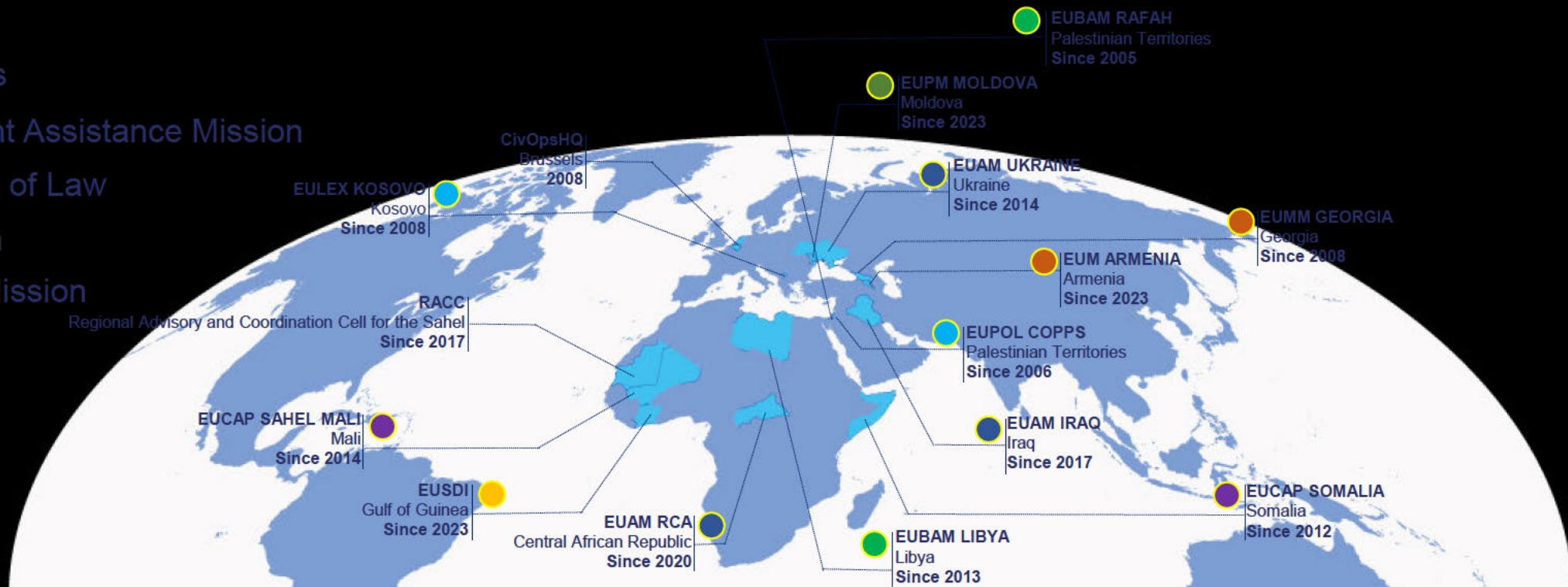


# Civilian CSDP Missions

**12** civilian missions and **1** civilian/military mission are currently deployed in *Europe*, the *Middle East* and *Africa*.

## Areas of operation:

- Advisory Missions
- Monitoring Missions
- Border Management Assistance Mission
- EU Police and Rule of Law
- Partnership Mission
- Capacity Building Mission
- EU Security and Defence Initiative



# EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

## Civilian Operations Headquarters



State of play of CSDP missions of particular relevance to migration:

- UKRAINE
- MALI
- LIBYA
- IRAQ

# Current engagements of civilian CSDP missions on Migration



## European Advisory Mission to Ukraine – Mandate - June 2024 to May 2027 (3 years)


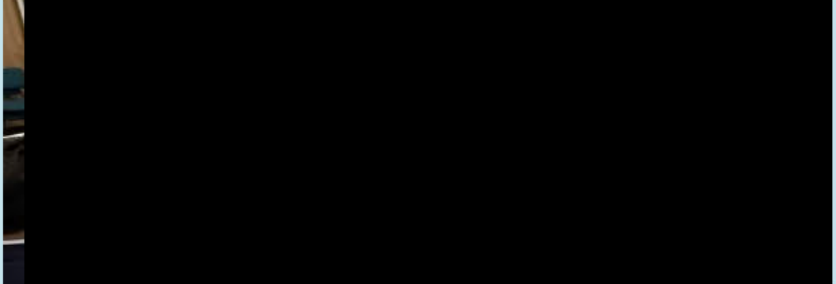
- EUAM Ukraine's mandate – reference to trafficking in human beings and relevant aspects of police and criminal justice cooperation (implementation of international law -UNTOC and its Protocols and IBM)
- Structured exchange of information with the State Migration Service (SMS) and IOM on migration policy implementation
- Discussions with all Ukrainian IBM actors including SMS representatives in the Temporary Working Group on the ISBM Strategy 2026-2030
- Support in migration related fields, e.g. the state targeted Social Program on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Main partners: national - State Migration Service, the State Border Guard Service, the National Police of Ukraine; international - close collaboration with UN IOM
- Mandate renewal process, Sep. 2026 through May 2027 (strategic review and OPLAN revision)



# Current engagements of civilian CSDP missions on Migration



## European Advisory Mission to Iraq

- Migration not mentioned in EUAM Iraq's mandate; work strands: IBM, RoL (counter THB), capacity build.
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- IBM Strategy (Silk Routes Project): Co-authored Iraq's Integrated Border Management strategy
- EU Migration Coordination (April 2025): participating in EU Member States' "Mapping of Migration Programming"
- Study Visit to FRONTEX HQ (May 2025): covering EUROSUR, interagency information-exchange, and strategic analysis workshops.
- Main partners: national - ONSA, Border Forces Command (BFC), Border Points Commission (BPC), MoI (Border & Immigration Affairs), local NGOs (reintegration, legal aid), private airport operators (Baghdad/Erbil); international – Frontex, UN IOM, UNHCR/UNODC/INTERPOL (as needed)



# Current engagements of civilian CSDP missions on Migration



## European Border Assistance Mission Libya

- Migration not mentioned in EUBAM Libya's mandate; work strands: IBM, RoL (counter cross-border crime & terrorism)
- Study visit for LY border officials to the Central Ops Service of the Italian State Police in Rome
- Hosting meetings to connect Human Rights and Migration Advisers with counterparts at Médecins Sans Frontières - vulnerabilities of children affected by migration, trafficking, displacement with UNICEF
- International Humanitarian Law training (IBM focused), delivered in coop. with IOM, for members of the Libyan Border Guards and the "On-the-Job Training" on Search and Rescue operations
- Several equipment provisions for effective border monitoring
- Main partners: National - Border Guard Agency, Criminal Investigation Directorate, Libyan Coast Guard and Port Security, the Libyan Border Guards of the MoD, Libyan Customs. International - UN Support Mission in Libya, UNODC, the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, IOM and the EU-funded project "Support to Integrated Border and Migration Management in Libya"

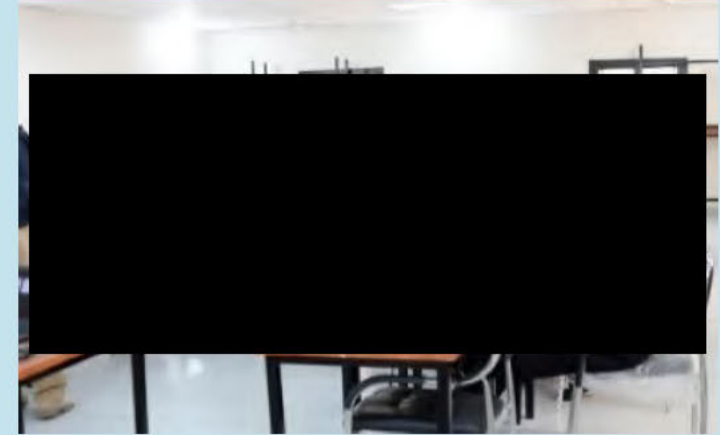


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## European Capacity Building Mission Sahel-Mali

- Duration 1 February 2025 until 31 January 2027
- [REDACTED]
- Specific training IBM, fight against document fraud, irregular migration and human trafficking
- Equipment to airport Border Police - identity and travel document analysis/fraud prevention
- Boosting exchange of information of national LEAs to improve operations related to border control and in the fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking.
- Main partners: national Police authorities with competences in border control and counter migrant smuggling/THB; close contacts to IOM and regular participation at Frontex provided AFIC
- Mandate renewal - Strategic Review second semester 2026, Operational Assessment by CivOPsHQ in July 2026





# Current engagements of civilian CSDP missions on Migration



## Staffing situation (personnel seconded by MS) in CSDP missions

	deployed in mission (April 2025)/	authorised total number
➤ EUAM Ukraine	132	173
➤ EUAM Iraq	42	42
➤ EUBAM Libya	26	55
➤ EUCAP Sahel-Mali	27	86

# Civilian CSDP missions and Migration – summary of opportunities



- Permanent presence with comprehensive LEAs expertise on the ground
- Practical contribution to Member States and EU internal/external security nexus
- Familiarity with the specific situation and all relevant actors on the ground and establishment of needed capabilities in Member States – closer links CSDP mission and Member States LEA and criminal justice institutions
- Access to key personnel in the national host countries LEA structures
- Knowledge of needs and possibilities for intended assistance and support
- Network of international advisors, trainers and project managers in other CSDP missions
- Close links to MS also via seconded MS LEA and criminal justice experts to the missions
- EMWP and CivCom to cooperate closer on relevant migration aspects under CFSP and CSDP





Thanks for your attention!