

EUBAM Libya: mission extended, budget approved

On 4 August 2016, the Council extended the mandate of the planning mission EUBAM Libya **until 21 August 2017**. It also approved a budget of **€17 million** for the period from 22 August 2016 to 21 August 2017.

As part of the EU's comprehensive approach to support the **transition to a democratic, stable and prosperous Libya**, EUBAM Libya is mandated to plan for a possible future EU mission providing advice and capacity-building in the area of **criminal justice, migration, border security and counter-terrorism**.

Any future civilian mission in Libya would seek in particular to address law enforcement aspects of irregular migration, smuggling of migrants and trafficking of human beings while promoting longer term efforts on security sector reform, including governance. It would be conducted **at the request of the legitimate Libyan authorities**, with their full ownership.

The civilian planning capacity **co-operates** closely with, and contributes to, the efforts of the **United Nations Support Mission** in Libya.

In February 2016 the EU amended the mandate of its integrated border management assistance mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) to focus on **civilian planning** activities.

The mission is **currently located in Tunis** and has established contact with the relevant Libyan authorities. The mission's budget approved by the decision provides for the activities and staff in Tunis as well as for the possibility to deploy to Libya as soon as the security situation allows.

The decision was adopted by **written procedure**.

[Press release of 12 February 2016 amending and extending the mandate of the mission by 6 months EUBAM Libya \(EEAS\)](#)