European Union Advisory Mission in Iraq



Together for a Stable and Safe Iraq

WHO WE ARE



EUAM Iraq is a civilian European Union Mission under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), providing strategic advice and capacity support to strengthen Iraq's Security Sector Reform (SSR) and institutional response to Terrorism, Organised Crime, and Violent Extremism. Under its Mandate until October 2028, the Mission supports the implementation of Iraq's National Security Strategy (NSS) while promoting the rule of law, human rights, and women empowerment.

Working primarily with the Office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA) and the Ministry of Interior (MoI), EUAM Iraq strengthens Iraqi institutional capacity, supports the development and implementation of national security strategies, and promotes coordination among the EU, its Member States, NATO, the United Nations, and other international partners. This contributes to a more effective and accountable security system for a stable and safe Iraq.

- **Established:** October 2017
- **Current Mandate:** 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2028

Proposed Strength
International: 83
National: 32

Head of Mission
Ralf Schroeder

Location
Baghdad & Erbil



OUR MAIN PARTNERS

The **key Iraqi partners** are the Ministry of Interior, the National Security Advisory as well as other state and non-state institutions and organisations involved in the Civilian Security Sector Reform.

EUAM Iraq's **headquarters is located in Baghdad**. We also have a regional **presence in Erbil**, the capital of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In addition, the Mission engages in outreach at the Governorate level to enhance delivery of its Mandate across Iraq.

Government of Iraq

National Security Advisory

Kurdistan Regional Government

Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities

European Union

UNDP Iraq

NATO Mission Iraq

IOM Iraq



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The Mission helped shape the Iraqi led National Security Strategy 2025-2030 and establish mechanisms for its effective implementation. The Strategy was formally endorsed by the Prime Minister in May 2025 and launched on 4 August 2025.
2. The Mission also provided key support to Iraqi authorities in drafting the National Counter-Terrorism Strategy 2026–2030, the Security Sector Reform Strategy 2024-2032, and the Organised Crime Strategy 2023-2027. The Integrated Border Management Strategy and Action Plan were finalised in March 2025.
3. A large-scale Command, Control and Crisis Management exercise with 120 participants, enhanced Iraqi's command and crisis response systems, including the environmental crisis management, thus strengthening the overall crisis readiness.
4. The first Female Leadership Development Programme, fully endorsed by the Ministry of Interior, was established in 2024 and has built a cadre of 52 current and future female leaders in MoI.
5. In close partnership with the MoI Human Rights Directorate, the Mission completed the second cycle of "Human Rights-Based Policing" workshops. Nine two-day sessions in Baghdad, Basra, Mosul, and Erbil reached about 250 officers and MoI staff from all 19 provinces and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Four workshops were co-organised with the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism.
6. In the areas of Counter-Terrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, the Mission expanded the use of EU best practices, when delivering workshops.
7. The Mission focused also on horizontal engagement with EU Member States, enabling bilateral exchanges through study visits to several EU Member States. Complementary Training for Trainers with the Federal Intelligence and Investigation Agency (FIIA) and behavioural detection training for Iraqi National Security Service (INSS) officers strengthened capacity inside Iraqi local institutions.
8. With the Government of Iraq, the Mission supported the launch at Al Nahrain Centre for Strategic Studies (ANCSS), a landmark event reflecting commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance.
9. The finalisation of the National Pilot Cultural Heritage Protection Database provided the FIIA with a tool to help protect Iraqi cultural heritage against organised crime and identify missing or stolen artefacts.

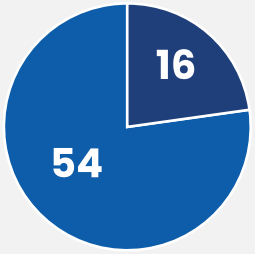
THE MISSION IN NUMBERS

Our team*

International Staff

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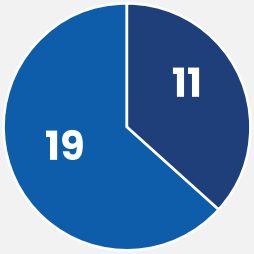
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National Staff

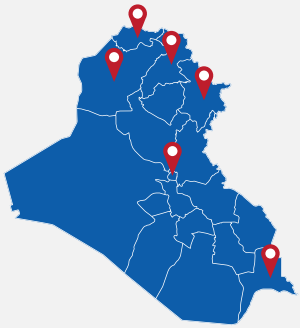
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Activities

198 capacity-building activities** across Iraq, reaching 5,815 participants, 21% of whom were women. While most took place in Baghdad, activities also extended across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq all the way to Basra.



** Numbers as of September 2026*
*** Numbers for the mandate of 2024-2026*



"I am proud to contribute to building a future of service-oriented policing and stronger public trust, together with the Iraqi institutions."

Monique Bouwmeester (NL), *Senior Strategic Adviser on Command, Control and Crisis Management*



"By investing in people and strengthening human resources management, we build the skills, capabilities and leadership needed to create stronger institutions."

Rafael Rios (ES), *Senior Strategic Adviser on Human Resources Management*

OUR THEMATIC AREAS

1. Security Sector Reform (SSR) and National Security Strategy (NSS)

EUAM Iraq supports the development and implementation of the civilian aspects of the Iraqi National Security Strategy and the Security Sector Reform. This includes advising on the development and implementation of key national strategic documents as well as providing expertise in form of capacity building trainings to Iraqi counterparts.

2. Counter-Terrorism (CT)

EUAM Iraq advises on Counter-Terrorism legislation, strategy and operational frameworks to strengthen Iraqi's ability to detect, prevent and respond to terrorist threats. This includes the strengthening of inter-agency cooperation and information exchange among the relevant Iraqi security actors.

3. Organised Crime (OC)

EUAM Iraq supports Iraqi authorities in tackling Organised Crime, including drug trafficking, money laundering, financial crime, cybercrime and the illicit trade in cultural artefacts. The Mission provides strategic advice and capacity building support to key institutions such as the Federal Intelligence and Investigations Agency and the Anti Money Laundering Office.

4. Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE)

EUAM Iraq supports efforts to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism by addressing its root causes, disrupting terrorist financing and strengthening prevention measures. This includes addressing the underlying conditions and narratives that allow extremism to take root, alongside efforts to cut off terrorist financing and disrupt the networks that sustain it.

Respect for Human Rights, adherence to Women Peace and Security agenda and Environmental protection remain central to the Mission's work across all areas.

EUAM IRAQ AND THE EU INTEGRATED APPROACH

At EUAM Iraq, we apply the EU's Integrated Approach to our work. In practice, this means bringing together different Iraqi Institutions involved in civilian security that often operate separately, helping them work more closely with one another. It also means fostering cooperation between Iraqi institutions and European partners, enabling the exchange of expertise, good practices and long-term partnerships.

This is achieved through activities such as joint workshops, coordination meetings and study visits to relevant institutions in Europe, where Iraqi counterparts can exchange experiences with European experts and EU member states.

Building on this integrated approach, EUAM Iraq works to enhance accountable, effective and people centered institutions that respond to the needs of all Iraqis, placing human security at the center of its efforts.

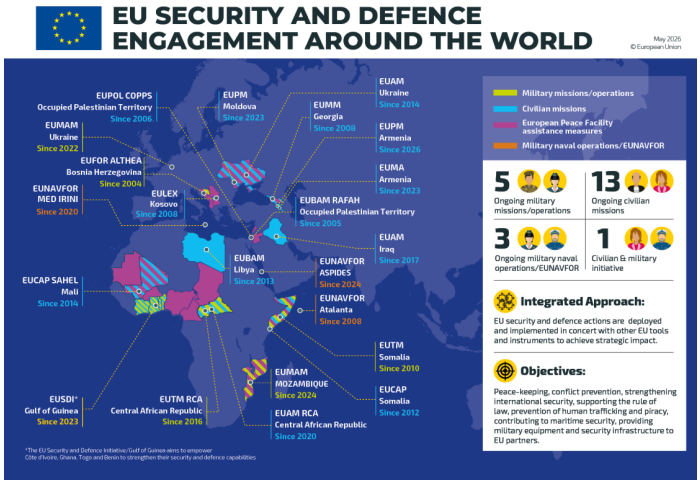






EUAM IRAQ WITHIN THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY (CSDP) OF THE EU

EUAM Iraq is one of the civilian CSDP Missions of the EU. The CSDP enables the EU to use civilian, police and military instruments to cover the full spectrum **of crisis prevention, crisis management and post-crisis rehabilitation in order to strengthen the international security**. By contributing to local as well as regional stability, CSDP Missions, both civilian and military, aim at ultimately contributing to European security as well.





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