EUROPEAN UNION ADVISORY MISSION IN IRAQ







Established
16 October 2017

Current Mandate
1 November 2026
31 October 2028

Proposed Strength
83 International
32 National

Location
HQ in Baghdad
Office in Erbil

1. MANDATE

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.

2. OUR IMPACT (May 2024 - October 2026)

198
Capacity-building activities

5815
Participants reached

1235 (21%)
Women participants

52
Female leaders trained

17
Study visits



3. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Mission helped shape the Iraqi led National Security Strategy 2030-2024 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.
- The Mission also provided key support to Iraqi authorities in drafting the National Security Reform, the National Counter Terrorism, the National Organized Crime and other Strategies.
- During its current two-and-a-half-year mandate, the Mission delivered 198 capacity-building activities across Iraq, reaching 5815 participants, 21% of whom were women. Among these initiatives, the Female Leadership Development Programme, launched with the Ministry of Interior in 2024, has established a network of 52 current and future female leaders. Activities were delivered in Baghdad and across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, extending as far as Basra.
- 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.





4. 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 Iraq's National Security Strategy and Security Sector Reform.

2. Counter-Terrorism (CT)

EUAM Iraq advises on Counter-Terrorism legislation, strategy and operational frameworks to strengthen Iraq's ability to detect, prevent and respond to terrorist threats.

3. Organised Crime (OC)

EUAM Iraq supports Iraqi authorities in combating Organised Crime, including drug trafficking, financial crime, cybercrime and the illicit trafficking of cultural property.

4. Prevention and 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.

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

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