



DSG Helga Schmid visits EUPOL COPPS

The Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Helga Schmid, visited EUPOL COPPS as part of a wider visit to the Middle East. Ms. Schmid paid tribute to the Mission “for its significant performance in terms of contributing to building Palestinian institutional capacity”. Ms Schmid met with EUPOL COPPS Head Kenneth Deane and the Palestinian Chief of Police, Major General Hazem Attallah, and attended a display of exercises and drills performed by the Special Police Force.



Towards a better management of police stations

EUPOL COPPS participated in a two-day workshop organized by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Ramallah for the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP). The aim was to develop a concept and way forward for the PCP to create a roadmap for the future building and daily management of police stations in the West Bank. Currently EUPOL COPPS is engaged as an adviser on a project funded by the EU and implemented by GIZ to build a further 8 community police stations in the WB.



Slovenia to host Palestinian delegation

EUPOL COPPS hosted a preparatory meeting ahead of an official Study Trip to the Republic of Slovenia in early September for members of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP), the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) and UNDP. Participants were welcomed by EUPOL COPPS Head Kenneth Deane and the Slovenian Representative to Palestinian Authority, Mr. Jurij Rifelj. The study-visit, which is organized under the so-called UNDP/EUPOL COPPS joint Accountability Programme, will focus on the drafting of a Code of Conduct for the PCP.



Draft Police Code of Conduct under review

The Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) organised a seminar to discuss the draft of Code of Conduct for the Palestinian police. The workshop, which comes within the framework of the EUPOL COPPS/UNDP joint Accountability Programme, was attended by several Palestinian Criminal Justice Institutions, the Security Services and representatives from Palestinian civil society. This Code was developed and drafted with the support of EUPOL COPPS, harmonising elements of the Palestinian legal framework with international principles of police ethics and conduct.



MoJ Capacity Building project:

EUPOL COPPS supported a visit from the UK firm “Social Pioneers” to the oPt, as part of the “Mentoring and Capacity Building Project” for the Palestinian Ministry of Justice (MoJ) which is funded from the UK Arab partnership fund. In this context, a Board has been established within the Ministry so as to review proposals for change within the Ministry. The board met for the first time and a number of proposals were reviewed, such as internal communication, planning and monitoring and evaluation. EUPOL COPPS is one of three external observers sitting on the Board, along with UNDP and the PA General Personnel Council.



Extension of EUPOL COPPS mandate

On 3 July, the Council of the European Union extended the mandate of EUPOL COPPS until 30 June 2014. Through its contribution to security and justice sector reform, the Mission supports efforts to increase the security of the Palestinian population and to reinforce the rule of law. Kenneth Deane has been Head of Mission since 1 July 2012.