



EUPOL COPPS Newsletter - November 2020

Dear friends,

It was with great honour and pleasure that I arrived in Jerusalem to take up my functions as Head of EUPOL COPPS on 15 November 2020.



Since arriving, I have been in mandatory quarantine, giving me an opportunity to fully immerse myself in reading about the Mission and meeting my excellent team online.

As of next Monday, I will start my meetings in person and I am very much looking forward to my discussions with our partners in the Palestinian law enforcement and rule of law sectors, as well as international friends and donors

to the Palestinian people. I am sure we will have dynamic and fruitful exchanges, and I am very keen to explore areas where we can strengthen and deepen our existing cooperation.

I have spent six of the past ten years of my professional life in Arab countries in the MENA region. I served as deputy Head of Delegation in Egypt from July 2010 - July 2013 and as EU Ambassador to Libya from July 2013 to August 2016. Before moving here, I was the EU Special Representative to Kosovo for four years.

I treasure the friendships and professional relationships I have developed in the past decade deeply, and I am looking forward to building up new precious ones here, with my team and my partners.

The EU and the Arab world are neighbours with a long, shared history. There is so much to be gained by working together, in a trusting partnership of mutual respect, and my ambition is to contribute in every way I can towards furthering that partnership.

I look forward to working with you all.

Kind regards,

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Nataliya Apostolova
Head of Mission
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New Women's Lawyer Network Launched!



Nine female members of the Palestinian Bar Association (PBA) launched the first professional network of women lawyers in the West Bank on Thursday 12 November!

This new network is designed to foster professional and personal development for Palestinian women in the legal profession.

The initiative is supported by the Head of the PBA, Mr Jawad Obeidat, with the full backing of EUPOL COPPS, which has organised training sessions and mentoring for the members of the network.

<https://eupolcopps.eu/en/node/5772>

Supporting enhanced strategic planning



EUPOL COPPS funded a two-day training in strategic planning for the Palestinian Ministry of Justice at the beginning of November:

“Strategic planning is a tool which helps institutions to better align their available resources to their overall objectives,” said Rana Bahu, EUPOL COPPS Legislative

Drafting Adviser. “Small changes made at the level of strategic planning in a public institution can have significant results in terms of outcomes for the communities they serve. This is why EUPOL COPPS is proud to be providing support for the Palestinian Ministry of Justice in this area”.

<https://eupolcopps.eu/en/node/5764>

“Legislative drafting is a difficult art that has to reflect societal needs”



Igor Lai, a legal expert with Romanian and Moldovan citizenship, works as a Legislative Drafting Expert at EUPOL COPPS. In this function, he supports Palestinian officials who write laws.

The aim is to support efforts to make the drafting of Palestinian legislation more effective, collaborative and transparent.

Find out more about his work:

<https://eupolcopps.eu/en/node/5775>

“Plan for the worst. Expect the best”



José Miguel Santos, from Lisbon, Portugal, has returned home after a yearlong deployment as a Training Adviser at EUPOL COPPS.

“It was an amazing experience,” he says. “I miss the culture, I miss the very nice relationship that we developed with the Palestinian counterparts. It’s the most important thing when we talk about advising - building a trustful relationship”.

Find out more about José’s work advising the Palestinian police:

 <https://eupolcopps.eu/en/node/5770>

(Please note that the photo was taken during a training session at the end of 2019, before the emergency measures related to Covid-19 came into force)

Working from home - the 'new normal'



Working from home has become the 'new normal'.

Meet our colleague Reem. She coordinates our team of translators and interpreters. Reem is one of many people around the world currently balancing family and professional obligations.

This is her story.



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