



EUPOL COPPS Newsletter - February 2021

Dear friends,

Already, more than three months have passed since I started as Head of EUPOL COPPS and despite the current challenges, it has been a great pleasure getting to know counterparts, partners and the EUPOL COPPS team better both online and in person.



Of course, I wish that I could spend less time behind a screen or a mask. But the resilience of people that I have met so far and their determination to carry on contributing to change despite challenges is genuinely impressive. Law enforcement agencies focused on serving the community and a strong respect for the rule of law are critical components of a successful, democratic society and it is inspiring to meet people who are committed to reform whatever the circumstances.

In terms of our contribution to that reform, in recent weeks we have been making progress in our support for leadership in the Attorney General's Office, strengthened the capacity of Palestinian officials to verify asset declarations, provided advice on human resource management in the Palestinian Civil Police and supported clearer and more effective legislative drafting.

You can find out all about these activities and more below.

As the days are beginning to get longer, it also seems that progress is being made in combatting the pandemic and returning to some semblance of normality. Like everyone else, I hope that this happens as soon as possible!

Kind regards,

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**EUPOL COPPS supports prosecutors to
become leaders**



Najwa Abdallah is the Head of Human Rights at the Palestinian Attorney General's Office.

She and two of her colleagues are taking part in a EUPOL COPPS mentoring scheme designed to boost their leadership skills.

Find out what she has to say about the experience.

Giving the fight against corruption a boost



Over three sessions in February, EUPOL COPPS provided training for Palestinian officials to spot possible corruption in official declarations:

“A system of asset declarations, where public officials regularly declare their sources of income and wealth, is an essential element in the fight against corruption,” says Clemens Mueller, Deputy Head of EUPOL COPPS' Rule of Law Section. “We are very happy to be working with the PACC in order to build capacity in the Palestinian asset declaration system and strengthen the ability of Palestinian officials to analyse and verify the assets of public officials and make sure their sources of income are legal”.

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EUPOL COPPS funds major training programme on drafting legislation for Ministry of Justice officials



“Proper legislative drafting is the way in which policies are transformed into legislation. It is key to legal reform. There are a number of international best practices whenever legislation is drafted – for example processes to consult the key stakeholders affected by the legislation, as well as methods to ensure the legal text is clear, comprehensible and in line with international treaties and obligations,” says Rana Bahu, EUPOL COPPS Legislative Drafting Adviser.

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“When you are recruiting a new police officer, you have to determine their suitability, reliability, honesty, and integrity”




It sometimes comes as a surprise when people find out that EUPOL COPPS, as an EU Mission, has a contingent of Canadian experts. Superintendent Karen Ziezold is one of those Canadian colleagues seconded by the Canadian authorities as the result of an agreement with the EU, who strengthen EUPOL COPPS's ability to provide a wide range of different perspectives to our Palestinian counterparts.

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“Community policing is about changing a police force into a police service”



“A community includes everyone in an area – schools, businesses, religious leaders, local government,” says Carolus Janssen, a EUPOL COPPS Community Policing Advisor from the Netherlands, who has over 36 years of experience in the police. “Community policing is all about the police responding to the needs of the community and being part of the community as a whole. Community policing is very important because it is one of the ways which can change policing, turning it from a traditional police force into a modern police service. As a police officer, you need to have a language for listening as well as a language for enforcing the law”.

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