

EUPOL COPPS

The EU Mission for the Support of Palestinian Police and Rule of Law (EUPOL COPPS), is a non-executive, non-armed civilian Mission under the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

MANDATE



EUPOL COPPS is mandated to (a) assist the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) in the implementation of police development programmes by advising and mentoring PCP senior officials at District, Headquarters and Ministerial level; (b) support coordination and facilitate European Union (EU) and EU Member States' assistance within its mandate; (c) advise on police-related criminal justice arrangements; and (d) advise on criminal justice reform.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the years, EUPOL COPPS has supported the PCP and the Palestinian judiciary in numerous reform efforts, including the support to organisational reform and the implementation of key policing concepts, and has provided advice on the related law drafting, including on the functioning of the criminal justice system, in line with international standards. The Mission has implemented supplementary infrastructure and equipment projects to enhance the capacity of police and judicial authorities.

EUPOL COPPS has provided legal and strategic advice to senior officials at the Ministry of Interior and the PCP, covering the concept of Community Policing, while strengthening the structure and functioning of the Criminal Investigation Department. The Community Policing concept aims to create a safe social environment and to prevent crime, while other efforts aim to enhance PCP investigative capacities. The Mission played a key role in the functioning and opening of the new Barghasha Correctional and Rehabilitation Centre in Jenin.

A geographical approach is being implemented jointly with the PCP, focusing first on the Bethlehem District Police Station, supplementing strategic advice with infrastructure and equipment support. This approach will be gradually expanded to other districts.

CONTEXT



IN 2005

EU Member States agreed with the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Israel to launch EUPOL COPPS as a police mission to assist in strengthening the institutional capacity of the PCP.



IN 2008

The Mission mandate was amended to also include support to Palestinian criminal justice authorities, as part of the PA's comprehensive approach towards security sector and criminal justice reforms.



AS PART OF THE EU

Integrated Approach, EUPOL COPPS supports coordination and cooperation between EU institutions and other actors to support Palestinian state building in the context of efforts towards a comprehensive peace based on the two-state solution.

The Mission also supports the PCP Police Academy in Jericho, covering curricula and specialised courses in areas such as community policing.

In another main effort, EUPOL COPPS supports the PA Reform Agenda on the Rule of Law and the Judicial System as announced by the PA Prime Minister in May 2024. This reform agenda focuses on improved governance, transparency, accountability and fighting corruption at all levels of government. EUPOL COPPS has cooperated with international partners, providing support to the amendments of the Palestinian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code. The Mission also advocates for passing the Family Protection Law and provides assistance to respective authorities on their revision in line with international standards, including early representation at courts.

EUPOL COPPS has initiated and facilitated a cooperation agreement between the Palestinian Judicial Institute (PJI) and the Swedish National Courts Administration and is assisting the PJI in the digitalisation of administration processes in the courts to enable speedier processes and improved transparency and accountability. The Mission has successfully supported the establishment of Palestinian women networks of police, lawyers, prosecutors and judges, to promote women representation and contribution.

To fight corruption, EUPOL COPPS assists and supports the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC). The Mission has enhanced PACC's capacity to successfully investigate relevant cases.

BACKGROUND



AREA COVERED

EUPOL COPPS operates in areas of the West Bank under the responsibility of the Palestinian Authority. The Mission HQ is located in Ramallah.



MISSION ESTABLISHMENT

The Mission was established by the European Union on 14 November 2005 (COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2005 / 797 / CFSP) and became operational on 1 January 2006.



HEAD OF MISSION

Karin Limdal
(Sweden) since April 2024.



MISSION STAFF

106 Mission Members
The Head of Mission, 70 international and 35 local staff.



BUDGET

EUR 13,315 million

For the period from
1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.



DURATION OF MANDATE

The EUPOL COPPS mandate is renewed annually and currently runs from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.