



EULEX IN PICTURES

Foreword

It is my pleasure to introduce this wonderful selection of photographs of the first two years work of EULEX Kosovo. The pictures capture the essence and raison d'être of the Mission and convey the ups and downs, the challenges and the achievements of EULEX.

They also reflect the hard work and dedication of EULEX staff who have often worked under trying and difficult circumstances. It has been an honour to serve with my colleagues from the European Union and beyond!

I would also like to thank the people of Kosovo, from all communities and from all backgrounds, for their support to the Mission.

Enjoy the book!

Yves de Kermabon

EULEX Kosovo Head of Mission 2008-2010



JUSTICE

The Justice Component works towards creating an impartial, effective, independent, fair and multiethnic justice system. This assistance is two-fold: to monitor, mentor and advise Kosovo judges and prosecutors and also to exercise judicial and prosecutorial functions in joint panels in courts and prosecution offices. EULEX specialists, judges, prosecutors and legal officers are co-located with their local colleagues Kosovo-wide.



Inventory teams, composed of Kosovo-Albanians and Kosovo-Serbs from the local judiciary, working on more than 3000 pending case files at the District Court in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. The court re-opened on 9 December 2008, after being closed for nearly a year.



EULEX judges in a mixed international and local panel during a trial at Peja/Peć District Court



Johannes van Vreeswijk, Chief Prosecutor of EULEX; Maria Giuliana Civinini, President of the Assembly of EULEX Judges and Musa Dragusha, Director of the Chamber of Advocates of Kosovo, signing the agreement on the organization of criminal trials



EULEX Correctional Service officers at Dubrava Prison



EULEX staff working for the Department of Forensic Medicine (DFM) at an exhumation site near Vushtri/Vučitrn



Yves De Kermabon, EULEX Head of Mission, visiting the DFM in Prishtina/Priština



Silvio Bonfigli, the Head of the Justice Component together with EULEX Head of Mission visiting the exhumation site at Zhilivoda/Žilivoda



The EULEX Head of Mission addressing the media in the courtyard of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica District Court



Tarja Formisto, EULEX Forensic Anthropologist at work in the DFM



Mitrovicë/Mitrovica District Court



POLICE

The Police Component is the largest, in terms of staff, of EULEX's three main components. It assists the Kosovo Police (KP) in working towards a multi-ethnic police that is free from political interference and serves the people of Kosovo. Co-located with the KP, EULEX police officers mainly act in a supportive role. They are also involved in investigating war crimes, organised crime and high-level corruption.



Frank Harris, EULEX Programme Manager, KP Colonel Reshat Maliqi and Uwe Heller, Chief Advisor to the KP during a meeting regarding the EULEX Programme Report



The presentation of the EULEX Programme Report

EULEX Head of Special Police with the Head of EULEX Police Component, Rainer Kuehn during the unrest at Kroji Vitakut/ Brdjani



Kosovo Border Police officers on foot patrol at the gate 4 border crossing



EULEX adviser with KP officers inspecting holding cells at Prishtina/Priština Airport as part of EULEX monitoring, mentoring and advising



EULEX Special Police officers during exercise "Batllava"



Kosovo police during a riot control exercise



Yves de Kermabon talking to a Kosovo police officer



EULEX Head of Mission during his visit to the Kosovo police station in Deçan/Dečani



Udo Moeller, the Head EULEX Police giving out the FPU/IPU CSDP Mission in Kosovo Service Medal to a member of the Police Component



EULEX Head of Mission shaking hands with the commander of Novobërdë/Novo Brdo police station



On a visit to Graçanicë/Gračanica police station



EULEX Special Police during exercise "Batlava"



EULEX Special Police officers during a medal ceremony



EULEX medal ceremony



An Italian member of the Special Police Department in front of the EU flag



Members of the EULEX Special Police Department



German Contingent members at the Golesh/Goleš firing range
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EULEX Special Police officers during exercise "Batllava"



Members of the EULEX Special Police Department



EULEX Deputy Head Roy Reeve (centre) and Bajram Rexhepi Minister of internal Affairs (right) during a EULEX - KP joint exercise.



Roy Reeve talking to the Head of the Special Police Department Cornelis "Kees" Kuijs



Bajram Rexhepi, Minister of Internal Affairs, during a EULEX - KP joint exercise.

EULEX police during the search of PTK offices in Prishtina/Priština



CUSTOMS

The Customs Component's mandate is to strengthen the customs in Kosovo through monitoring, mentoring and advising as well as through contributing to the customs efforts in law enforcement and in combating organised crime. Its principle aims are to forge a Kosovo Customs that meets European standards and to re-establish the rule of law, in customs terms, in northern Kosovo. Its personnel work in mobile teams, at boundary and border crossings, customs terminals and Prishtinë/Priština airport.



A EULEX Customs officer observing the work of Kosovo Customs at Vrmicë/Vrmica



EULEX Customs officers at the Merdare crossing point



EULEX Customs officer at Vrmicë/Vrmica

The Head of EULEX Customs Component Paul Acda (centre) and Minister Ahmet Shala (right) during a meeting with Kosovo Customs



EULEX Customs officers observing the work of Kosovo Customs at Merdare



Blackie, a trained explosives dog, at Merdare





EULEX Senior Customs Monitor advises the KC FAST team while inspecting documents



Officers at work.





Visits & Meetings

EULEX has hosted a wide range of high-level visits, showing the continuing importance of Kosovo on the international agenda. And EULEX staff, especially the Head of Mission, have seen it as a crucial task to carry out their own visits around Kosovo. Not only meeting officials and those involved in the rule of law area, but also the people of Kosovo in order to gain an understanding of the problems and issues that people face in their every day lives.



Catherine Ashton, the European Commission Vice-President and European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (centre), Robert Cooper, Director General for Political and Military Affairs (left) and Kees Klompenhouwer, Civilian Operations Commander of the European Union (right), during their visit to EULEX Headquarters in Pristina/Priština



Catherine Ashton during a meeting with the Kosovo Government



Catherine Ashton during a press point after meeting Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci



The Head of EULEX PPIO, Karin Limdal (above) and Deputy Head of EULEX PPIO, Nicholas Hawton (left) presenting the work of PPIO to Catherine Ashton



Yves de Kermabon and Pieter Feith welcoming the High Representative for CFSP, Javier Solana to Prishtinë/Priština



Javier Solana talking to EULEX staff members



Yves de Kermabon and Javier Solana at EULEX Headquarters



Javier Solana addresses EULEX staff members



Hajredin Kuçi, Deputy Prime Minister (left), Yves de Kermabon, EULEX Head of Mission (centre) and Frederic Mathieu, Special Advisor to the Head of Mission (right), during the Joint Rule of Law Coordination Board meeting



Addressing the media



During a press point after meeting Prime Minister Hashim Thaci.



Meeting President Fatmir Sejdiu



EULEX Head of Mission meeting Jakup Krasniqi, the President of the Assembly of Kosovo



Rule of Law Coordination Board meeting



The Deputy Head of EULEX, Roy Reeve, welcoming the President of the European Council to Prishtinë/Prishtina



The President of the European Council Herman van Rompuy meeting President Fatmir Sejdiu



The President of the European Council Herman van Rompuy addressing the media during his visit to EULEX Headquarters.



The Civilian Operations Commander of the European Union, Kees Klompenhouwer, visiting Gate 1



Kees Klompenhouwer talking to a EULEX Customs officer at Gate 1



Kees Klompenhouwer visits Mitrovicë/Mitroica District Court





Admiral Fitzgerald visits EULEX



Delegates from the PSC arriving in Prishtinë/Priština



The Danish Minister of Defence Gitte Lillelund Bech talking to Brian Richard, Acting Head of EULEX Customs



Head of Mission shaking hands with KFOR Commander Markus Bentler



Addressing the EU Political and Security Committee (PSC) delegates





The Head of Mission meeting the Kosovo Minister of Justice, Haki Demolli



EULEX meeting Kosovo women leaders



Roy Reeve, shaking hands with Prime Minister Hashim Thaci at a EULEX reception



Ulrike Lunacek, Rapporteur on Kosovo for the European Parliament talking to EULEX staff working at Gate 1



Roy Reeve and the Prime Minister of Belgium, Yves Leterme



Induction training of EULEX mission members. The Best Practices and Training Unit has carried out more than 25000 training days
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Alessio Zuccarini, Chief of the EULEX Programme Office, Roy Reeve and Alessandro Tedesco, EULEX Programme Manager, during a workshop on the Programmatic Approach

Programmatic Approach workshop

Outreach Activities

A fundamental part of the work of EULEX has been its outreach activities; explaining the mandate and the role of EULEX in Kosovo. From schools, to workshops, to seminars to public information campaigns, EULEX reached out to all communities. The work was exciting, eye-opening, challenging and, ultimately, rewarding!





Karin Limdal, Head of EULEX Press and Public Information Office, talking to students in the "Sami Frasher" high school, Prishtinë/Priština.



Students during the lecture



Naim Hajdari, EULEX Policy Officer, during the lecture at 'Sami Frasher' high school.



High school students in Klinë/Klina



"Xheveded Doda" high school student reading the EULEX fact sheet, Prishtinë/Priština.



A EULEX Police officer distributing leaflets and fact sheets on the EU and EULEX in Zvečan/Zvecan, northern Kosovo



EULEX outreach activity in Ferizaj /Uroševac



The UK Ambassador, Andrew Sparkes, distributing leaflets and fact sheets in north Mitrovicë/Mitrovica



The French Ambassador, Jean-Francois Fitou distributing leaflets and fact sheets in north Mitrovicë/a



Young boy holding the EU North Fact Sheet in Zvečan/Zvecan.



EULEX Press and Public Information Office staff members during outreach activities in Prizren



EULEX Police officer with elementary school children in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Young couple passing by a EULEX billboard in Prishtina/Priština. The billboard reads “467 Cases Prosecuted”. The billboard was part of a EULEX information campaign.





A EULEX billboard reading “15 major organized crime investigations”



Two school children in Prishtina/Pristina passing by a EULEX billboard reading “40 million Euros saved in the fight against smuggling”



People in downtown Prishtina/Priština passing by a EULEX billboard reading, in graffiti-style, “EULEX supports Kosovo’s path to European Integration”.

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