WHO WE ARE

EULEX Kosovo was launched in 2008 as the largest civilian mission under the Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union. Its mission is to support selected Kosovo rule of law institutions on their path towards increased effectiveness, sustainability, multi-ethnicity and accountability, free from political interference and in full compliance with international human rights standards and best European practices.

WHAT WE DO

EULEX implements its mandate through the Monitoring Pillar and the Operations Pillar. The Mission is dedicated to the inclusion of human rights and gender-mainstreaming standards in all of its activities.

Quick facts

Head of Mission:
Lars-Gunnar Wigemark from Sweden

📅 14 June 2020 – 14 June 2021

gregation of local and international staff

📍 Pristina, Kosovo

Legal basis:
• Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/792
• Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of February 2008
• UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

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MONITORING PILLAR

EULEX assesses the functioning of the Kosovo judiciary in terms of procedural, legal and human rights compliance through monitoring of selected cases at the entire chain of the criminal justice system, i.e. on police, prosecutorial and judicial level.

From 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2020, EULEX’s justice monitors attended 784 court sessions in 214 criminal and civil cases including high-profile cases, war crimes cases, gender-based violence cases, hate crimes, corruption cases, and cases previously dealt with by EULEX. This monitoring results in reports with findings and recommendations for the Kosovo authorities aiming at improving the justice system.

EULEX provides technical support to the implementation of the existing agreements of the EU-facilitated Dialogue on normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina.

EULEX supports the Kosovo Correctional Service’s efforts to develop a professional senior management team through monitoring, mentoring and advising.

OPERATIONS PILLAR

EULEX’s Formed Police Unit is Kosovo’s second security responder, as part of a three-layer security responder mechanism. It carries out daily reconnaissance patrols:

- 15 June 2018 - 14 June 2020 Crowd-and-riot control exercises
- 7 trainings with the Kosovo Police and KFOR
- 2 trainings with the Kosovo Police
- 37 trainings with KFOR

INTERNATIONAL POLICE COOPERATION

EULEX facilitates the exchange of information between the Kosovo Police and Interpol, Europol or the Serbian Ministry of Interior.

Requests from 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2020:

- 2340 (through the Interpol Liaison Office within UNMIK)
- 233
- 258

EULEX continues to manage its own witness protection programme.

THE MISSION HAS CONDUCTED:

- 653 field operations to locate missing persons including 164 exhumations
- The remains of 456 individuals have been identified including 316 missing persons

The Mission assists the Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office with logistic and operational support in line with relevant Kosovo legislation.