



Formed Police Unit of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo

The Formed Police Unit (FPU) of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) consists of **105 Police Officers seconded by Poland**.

The **main objective** of the FPU is to support the **stability of Kosovo** and contribute to the **security** of women, men, girls and boys from **all communities** in Kosovo.

SECOND SECURITY RESPONDER

The EULEX FPU is Kosovo's **second security responder**, forming part of a three-layer security responder mechanism where Kosovo Police is the first security responder, EULEX is the second, and NATO/KFOR is the third.



In its role as second security responder the EULEX FPU will only engage **at the explicit request of the Kosovo Police** and in order **deescalate tensions and restore public order**, as well as to **protect life, integrity and property** of affected populations.



From June 2018 to date, the FPU acted as second security responder in **two cases**:

- On **28 May 2019**, the FPU increased the frequency of patrols in northern Kosovo for more than a week at the request of the Kosovo Police, following an anti-smuggling operation conducted on the same day.
- **From 20 September to 14 October 2021**, the EULEX FPU deployed to Bërnjak/Tabaliqe and Rudnica/Jarinjë Common Crossing Points in a reconnaissance role at the request of the Kosovo Police in line with EULEX's mandate as Kosovo's second security responder.

A **Quick Reaction Force (QRF)** is on standby **24 hours a day** in Mitrovica. Its **response time** is **15 minutes**.



RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS

The FPU carries out daily reconnaissance patrols in northern Kosovo.



CROWD AND RIOT CONTROL EXERCISES



The FPU is **supporting Kosovo Police's crowd and riot control capabilities** through the organisation of **training exercises** on tactical and command staff levels. Through such exercises, the Kosovo Police, EULEX and KFOR, Kosovo's three security responders ensure **smooth coordination** in case of a real-life deployment.



From 15 June 2018 to September 2022, the FPU has participated in ten joint trainings with the Kosovo Police and KFOR, 11 trainings with the Kosovo Police and 65 trainings with KFOR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



The FPU is providing **operational support to the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office** in line with relevant Kosovo legislation.



The FPU is **regularly training** to retain and further develop its skills through shooting trainings, orientation skills trainings, firearm trainings, x-ray equipment trainings, tactical combat life support trainings, medical evacuation trainings, and use of force trainings.



On 30 May 2021, members of the FPU helped to **rescue an injured person** who went missing on 28 May after entering Kosovo on a motorcycle.



On 22 August 2021, members of the FPU **rescued a drowning young man**.



FPU members regularly **donate blood**.

From 14 March to 15 July 2022, **EULEX temporarily reinforced its FPU with a Reserve Unit of 70 gendarmes from Portugal and France. In November 2022, a Reserve Formed Police Unit (RFPU) consisting of 24 gendarmes from the Italian Carabinieri and five gendarmes from Lithuania was temporarily deployed to Kosovo.** The Reserve FPU's were deployed in response to EULEX's need to have additional forces on the ground and for the Mission to be able to better support its Kosovo counterparts if requested and if necessary, taking into consideration the security environment in Kosovo and the security situation in the region. Throughout the deployment of the Reserve FPU's in Kosovo, the **FPU and the Reserve FPU work shoulder to shoulder to fulfil EULEX's mandate.** They also participate in joint trainings with the Kosovo Police and KFOR.

