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 Support 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 2021 – 14 June 2023

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 = 400 local and international staff

📍 Pristina, Kosovo

Legal basis:
• Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/122
• Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/904
• Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of February 2008
• UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

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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 June 2018 to 31 August 2022, EULEX’s justice monitors attended 1562 court sessions in 301 active 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 aimed at improving the justice system.

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