



EU MISSION IN ARMENIA (EUMA)



EUMA is a non-executive, non-armed civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission.

Mandate: EUMA will observe and report on the security situation along the Armenian side of the international border with Azerbaijan. It will contribute to human security in conflict-affected areas in Armenia and support confidence building between Armenia and Azerbaijan. EUMA is an essential component of the EU's efforts in supporting peace in the region.



Context: The EU established EUMA in response to an official request made by the Armenian authorities in December 2022 to deploy a full-fledged EU civilian mission on the ground. This deployment follows the successful experience of the EU Monitoring Capacity (EUMCAP) deployed on the Armenian side of the Armenia-Azerbaijan border between 20 October 2022 and 19 December 2022 followed by the deployment of EU Planning Assistance Team in Armenia (EUPAT). EUMA was launched on 20 February 2023.



Area covered: EUMA is deployed on the Armenian side of the Armenia-Azerbaijan border. Its headquarters is in Yeghegnadzor with six Forward Operating Bases in Goris, Ijevan, Jermuk, Kapan, Martuni and Yeghegnadzor allowing it to monitor all areas along the border. It also has a Liaison and Support office in Yerevan. EUMA is exclusively deployed and operating within the territory of Armenia.



Coordination with Armenia: EUMA liaises with the Armenian authorities, where relevant. Ensuring impartiality is at the core of EUMA's work on the ground.



Mission established by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 23 January 2023.



Mission launched by Decision of EU Foreign Affairs Council on 20 February 2023, Official opening of Headquarters in Yeghegnadzor and Initial Operational Capacity reached also on 20 February 2023.



Head of Mission Markus Ritter (DE) comes from the German Federal Police and has long-standing expertise in civilian CSDP Mission, having served as Head of Mission EUAM Iraq from 2017-2019 and in many other EU civilian missions before that.



Mission Staff: The full capacity of EUMA staff is up to 209 personnel including 165 international and 44 local staff. EUMA is a civilian mission staffed exclusively with unarmed observer experts from EU Member States and overseen by EU civilian headquarters in Brussels. The entire chain of command is civilian. It is up to each EU Member State to provide experts from their respective relevant ministries and agencies.



Duration of mandate: EUMA will have a 2-year mandate (Feb 2023-Feb 2025) which can be renewed.