

EUBAM Libya Factsheet

The European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) is a non-executive civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission



Mandate: EUBAM Libya shall contribute to enhancing the capacity of the relevant Libyan authorities and agencies to manage Libya's borders, to fight against cross-border crime – including human trafficking and migrant smuggling – and to counter terrorism.

In carrying out its tasks, EUBAM Libya provides technical advice, capacity building activities at the operational and technical levels and carries out projects, complemented as appropriate and on a case-by-case basis by specialised training. EUBAM Libya furthermore provides strategic advice where requested by the Libyan authorities.

Context: CSDP actions in Libya contribute to the EU's support to peace and stability in the country. EUBAM was launched in 2013 to support the Libyan authorities in improving and developing the security of the country's borders. It complements the UN mission (UNSMIL), which was established in 2011 at the request of the Libyan authorities to support the country's new transitional authorities in their post-conflict efforts. The mandate has been renewed and extended by the Council of the European Union decision on 26 June 2023 for two more years until 30 June 2025.

Area covered: EUBAM Libya mostly conduct Tripoli-based operational activities, and add value, where possible, to the relevant activities of Libyan counterparts from east and south of Libya. In line with the need to support the Libyan efforts in securing of the entirety of the borders, visits may be conducted. EUBAM Libya maintains a sub-office in Tunis.

Head of Mission: Natalina Cea (IT), in the position since 1 February 2021, is an Italian civil servant with long working experience at senior level in the Italian Customs Administration, but also internationally, leading missions, programs and projects in the civilian security sector.

Mission Staff: The mission is authorised to have a total of 61 international and 30 local staff on the ground.

Budget: €84.85m Euro for the period 1 July 2021 – 30 September 2023.

Duration of mandate: EUBAM Libya has a two-year mandate.