



European Union
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European Union Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support (EU COPPS) & Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme 2005-2008

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EU COPPS was formally established in April 2005, following an Exchange of Letters between the Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei, and Marc Otte, the EU Special Representative to the Middle-East Peace Process.

The role of EU COPPS is to provide support to the Palestinian Civil Police for immediate operational priorities and longer-term transformational change – as described in the Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme (see below). In this framework, EU COPPS advises the Palestinian Chief of Police and his senior commanders, as well as the Minister of Interior and his staff. EU COPPS also ensures liaison with Palestinian and international stakeholders and co-ordinates and monitors donor assistance.

In July 2005, the European Union's Foreign Ministers reiterated the EU's commitment to contributing to the development of Palestinian security capacity through the Palestinian Civil Police, in co-ordination with the US Security Co-ordinator. They also agreed that the EU support to the Palestinian Civil Police should take the form of a European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) mission, building on the work of the EU Co-ordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support in cooperation with all parties concerned. This led to the start of the follow-up mission ('EUPOL-COPPS') on 1 January 2006.

When fully deployed, EU COPPS will include approximately 33 police and civilian experts mainly seconded from EU Member States. EU COPPS has a mandate of three years. The Mission currently consists of eleven European police experts, some of whom have been deployed to the region since the beginning of January 2005, and two locally recruited administrative staff. It is based in the building of the Palestinian Ministry of Interior in Ramallah with a satellite office at the Civil Police Headquarters in Gaza.

Palestinian Civil Police (PCP)

The Palestinian Civil Police, with headquarters in Gaza, currently consists of 18700 civil police: 12100 are deployed in Gaza, of whom 3000 are Public Order Police (POP) and 6600 are deployed in the West Bank, 1000 of whom are POP.

Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme (PCPDP)

The Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme 2005-2008 (PCPDP) is the product of joint work between EU COPPS, and the Palestinian Civil Police with significant input from those within the Palestinian Authority with a professional interest in policing. The content of the PCPDP derives predominantly from a week long planning workshop held in Jericho in mid April, attended by police and other professionals across the Criminal Justice System.

The objective of the PCPDP is to establish a “transparent and accountable police organisation with a clearly identified role, operating within a sound legal framework, capable of delivering an effective and robust policing service, responsive to the needs of the society and able to manage effectively its human and physical resources”.

The PCPDP has two main components – a Transformational and an Operational Plan. The Transformational Plan is concerned with fundamental organisational change and its elements tend to be long term. The Operational Plan is concerned with raising operational capacity and performance, and its elements tend to be shorter term.

The PCPDP will serve as blueprint for police development over the next three years. It will also serve as a framework for donor assistance – in particular through the **Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme Trust Fund** -, not only from the European Union but also other countries and organisations.

More information

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