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Council adopts its decision on the extension of the EU's integrated rule of law mission in Iraq (EUJUST LEX)

The Council adopted today a decision extending by 24 months the EU's integrated rule of law mission in Iraq (EUJUST LEX), from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012.

During this additional period, EUJUST LEX will progressively shift its activities and relevant structures to Iraq, focusing on specialised training, while maintaining out-off-country activities.

Taking into account further developments in the security conditions in Iraq and the outcome of the mission's activities in this country, the Council will examine the results of the new mandate and decide on the future of the mission after 30 June 2012.

More information: www.consilium.europa.eu/eujust-lex

Background:

Established to strengthen the rule of law and promote a culture of respect for human rights in Iraq, EUJUST LEX provides professional development opportunities to senior Iraqi officials from the criminal justice system. Member States provide courses which offer learning opportunities and demonstrate best practice in rule of law. In addition, the courses facilitate an exchange of views between the EU trainers and the Iraqi participants. The core aim of the courses is to foster confidence, mutual respect and operational cooperation between the different branches of the Iraqi criminal justice system (police, judiciary and penitentiary). EUJUST LEX is the first EU Integrated Rule of Law mission.

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