



EU Security and Defence news

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European External Action Service preparatory work gains momentum

Two weeks after the Madrid political agreement on setting up the European External Action Service (EEAS), a package of recommendations on its organisation and working methods was approved by the European Parliament on 8 July 2010. Following the vote, Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made the following [statement](#):

"[...] Since tabling my proposal in March, the institutions of the EU have worked tirelessly with a shared vision. Today we are closer to realising this vision, but a lot of work remains to be done. I will continue to put my energy into this so that we can establish an effective service as soon as possible. The Commission will now have to give its final consent before the Council adopts the decision later this month. [...] I want a lean and efficient Service that assures best value for money, staffed by the best and the brightest from across the European Union."

The European Union has among its key objectives supporting a more stable, prosperous and secure environment for its citizens as well as to contribute to international peace and security. In order to better achieve this, the Lisbon Treaty lays the basis for greater coherence in the Union's foreign policy. By bringing together its many levers of influence in a more effective manner and pursue a wide range of goals on the international scene, it will increase the Union's political and economic influence in the world.

[Speech by HR Ashton to the European Parliament on the creation of the European External Action Service](#)

[Statement by President Herman Van Rompuy on the vote in the European Parliament on the External Action Service](#)

[EEAS decision – main elements](#)

Quelle défense européenne en 2020 ?

L'édition originale de cet ouvrage a été publiée en anglais en juillet 2009, puis mise à jour en octobre dernier. C'est la version française, révisée après l'entrée en vigueur du Traité de Lisbonne, que présente l'Institut d'Etudes de sécurité de l'UE avec une nouvelle préface par la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton.

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High Representative Catherine Ashton condemns the attacks in Uganda

High Representative Catherine Ashton made the following statement on 12 July:

"I condemn the bombing that killed a large number of people in the Ugandan capital Kampala. I am deeply saddened by the loss of life resulting from these attacks, and send my condolences to the people of Uganda and the families of the victims. These cowardly attacks against innocent civilians gathered in celebration of international sport shows a shocking disregard for human life and basic social values.

We must not allow these attacks to undermine the efforts to help bring stability to the region. The EU stands ready to continue its close cooperation with Uganda."

New Head of Mission takes up duties in EUPOL Afghanistan

The High Representative [congratulated](#) Brigadier General Jukka Savolainen on taking office as the new Head of Mission of the [EU Police Mission in Afghanistan](#) as from 15 July 2010.

EUTM Somalia training activities

Currently, there are a total of 911 Somali recruits in Bihanga training camp. 717 of them, as well as 119 Ugandans, are following the basic training module in charge of the Uganda Peoples Defence Force (UPDF).



194 Somalis started the [EUTM Somalia](#) non-commissioned officers module, led by Spain, on 25 May. 21 out of these 194 have been selected to follow the junior officers Module, led by France. The French team in charge of this module arrived in Bihanga Camp 25 June and started training on 5 July.

The Portuguese team in charge of the Fighting in Built-Up Areas (FIBUA) module arrived at the Camp on 3 July. The 13 members of this team are currently preparing the last details of two courses - the "Train the trainers" (TTT) one and the recruits one - as well as checking the FIBUA facilities that are nearly finished. The TTT took place 12-14 July and was attended by 29 UPDF Soldiers.

European Parliament exchanges views on EUNAVFOR-Atalanta

The Subcommittee on Security and Defence had an exchange views, on 13 July, with Didier Lenoir, of the EU Council's Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, Rear Admiral Thomas Ernst, Deputy Commander of EUNAVFOR, Nobutake Odano, Ambassador of Japan and Ambassador Maurits Jochems, Deputy Assistant Secretary General of NATO, on maritime security off the coast of Somalia and international cooperation in the fight against piracy off the coast of Somalia. > [More info](#)

Iraqi judges and prosecutors attend training on fair trial standards and human rights

German senior judges, prosecutors and defence counsels gave lectures and conducted other training sessions for 16 Iraqi judges and prosecutors on fair trial standards and human rights between 20 June and 2 July 2010 in Germany.

During the two-week course the participants discussed the implementation of international fair trial obligations in national systems, the cooperation between the police, prosecution and courts during the investigative phase, rules of evidence, the rights of the defence, reasons for appeals on points of law and anti-corruption strategies. The participants also monitored a trial in a district court and visited a prison.

The Head of the mission [EUJUST LEX](#), Francisco Diaz Alcantud, took the opportunity to discuss with the Iraqi participants the situation in their home country and future needs of the Iraqi criminal justice system. All Iraqi participants emphasised the inspiration they had received on how to strengthen the judiciary in their home country.

Upcoming activities

15-16 July - HR Catherine Ashton to visit Georgia (including EUMM) and Kazakhstan

16-7 July - HR Catherine Ashton to participate in OSCE Ministerial Meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan

17-19 July - HR Catherine Ashton to visit Middle East (including EUBAM Rafah and EUPOL COPPS)

20 July - HR Catherine Ashton to participate in the International Conference on Afghanistan, Kabul

26 July - HR Catherine Ashton to chair the Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

Human rights and gender advisers meeting in Brussels

The Council of EU's services organised a meeting of the human rights and gender advisers and focal points from CSDP missions on 5-6 July. EU member states as well as representatives of NATO and the African Union participated.

The meeting was dedicated to identifying lessons from mainstreaming human rights and gender aspects into the practical work of CSDP military operations and civilian missions. The outcome of this meeting will form the basis of a first civil-military as well as a first thematic CSDP lessons learnt report, to be presented to the EU member states in the autumn. The report will take stock of experience to date and identify best practices and practical working tools that may render the work more effective and well structured across missions and operations.

The promotion of human rights and gender equality remains a key component of EU foreign policy and should be mainstreamed across all EU instruments, including crisis management and longer-term development cooperation. The creation of the European External Action Service offers a unique opportunity to further enhance the interplay and synergies between the different EU policies and instruments, including with regard to the promotion of human rights and gender equality within crisis management.

EDA hosts the final meeting of R&T project Networked Multi-Robot Systems

The European Defence Agency (EDA) hosted the final meeting of the R&T project Networked Multi-Robot Systems (NM-RS) on 13 July 2010.

This project aims at demonstrating via simulation the benefits of a networked multi-robot system which performs autonomously coordinated operations. It considers especially guidance, navigation, control and multi-robot coordination, sensor systems, communication, and human-machine and command & control interface aspects. > [More info](#)

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