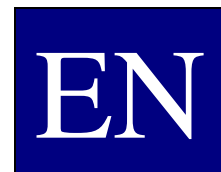




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### **European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL Afghanistan) extended for 3 years**

The Council adopted today a decision on the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL Afghanistan), extending the mission and its mandate for a period of three years, from 31 May 2010 until 31 May 2013.

On 30 May 2007, the Council adopted Joint Action 2007/369/CFSP establishing the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan. That Joint Action expires on 30 May 2010.

EUPOL Afghanistan aims to contribute to the establishment under Afghan ownership of sustainable and effective civilian policing arrangements, which will ensure appropriate interaction with the wider criminal justice system. Furthermore, the mission supports the reform process towards a trusted and efficient police service, within the framework of the rule of law and respect for human rights. Sustainable police reform is a prerequisite for a successful transition of the responsibility for security to the Afghan authorities. EUPOL offers special expertise in civilian policing methods and addresses the strategic reform of the Afghan Police. The mission uses mentoring and training to improve the performance of the Police in Afghanistan.

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EUPOL Afghanistan works closely, coordinates and cooperates with the Government of Afghanistan and relevant international players, including the NATO Training Mission, Provincial Reconstruction Team Lead Nations, the United Nations Assistance Mission Afghanistan (UNAMA) and third States currently involved in police reform in Afghanistan.

The decision will be reviewed every six months in order to adjust the mission's scope as necessary.

More information on EUPOL Afghanistan can be found at:

[www.eupol-afg.eu/](http://www.eupol-afg.eu/)

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