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EUROPEAN GENDARMERIE FORCE



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Madrid, 30 January 2018



**General Director of the Guardia Civil
José Manuel Holgado Merino**

By signing the Treaty of Velsen on 18 October 2007, EUROGENDFOR's countries formalised the commitment made some years before by the Declaration of Intent of 2004: The firm commitment of creating a European Force composed of integral police forces with military status, devoted to carrying out any police task during crisis management in pursuit of peace and global security.

After all this time, we can be satisfied of seeing how the European Gendarmerie Force has become an international benchmark in regard to police components. This status has been consolidated by its participation in eight operations and missions, in four continents, and under the umbrella of international organisations such as the United Nations, EU, or NATO.

Since that first mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and later in Afghanistan, Haiti, or the last mission in the Central African Republic -undoubtedly one of the most demanding scenarios- EUROGENDFOR has not stopped growing. And neither has our commitment and our belief in the added value of this organisation.

All these missions have always counted on the support of the Permanent Headquarters in Vicenza, a unique police planning capacity at international level that, thanks to their know-how and hard work, has become the cornerstone to position EUROGENDFOR as a key police actor in crisis management.

I wish to acknowledge the work and dedication of all the EUROGENDFOR Commanders. I am convinced that, under their direction, the Permanent Headquarters of the European Gendarmerie Force will meet the expectations endowed with, and it will successfully complete any task assigned by the CIMIN.

Behind these remarkable achievements lies the sacrifice of our personnel, who fulfil their missions in very demanding areas of operations, far from their families. In these circumstances, the gendarmerie character, which has never been adequately recognised, brings out the best in all of us. In this respect, we especially remember Major José María Galera and Lieutenant Abraham Leoncio Bravo, of the Guardia Civil, who died in Afghanistan in August 2010, and Appuntato Scelto Manuelle Braj, of the Arma dei Carabinieri, who died in Afghanistan in June 2012.

We commemorate these 10 years, not as an accomplished mission, but convinced that the greatest successes and achievements are still to come.

Given these new challenges, I strongly believe that our spirit of improvement, which is inherent to our Gendarmerie Forces and Corps, will be our best ally to succeed.



Vicenza, 2 February 2018

Ten years ago, five countries joined in an initiative aimed to improve the safety of Europe and its citizens. France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain signed the Treaty of Velsen on 18 October 2007, firmly believing that by joining their respective strengths and capabilities, they were creating a tool capable of working for the common objective of global peace. Soon thereafter, they were joined by Poland and Romania.

In this decade, EUROGENDFOR has participated in Crisis Management Operations (CMO) within the framework of the European Common Security and Defence Policy, and the wider context of the United Nations. A decade in which the experience gained and the lessons learned have proved that engaging EUROGENDFOR resources as a CMO asset can make a difference.

Through our dedicated Staff at our Permanent Headquarters, we have maintained an adequate level of collective expertise, backed up by the accumulated experience of thousands of law enforcement Officers, complemented with constant training and courses, making us capable and ready to react timely and effectively.

Our efforts have turned EUROGENDFOR into a trustworthy tool to the service of the European Union and other international organizations. This fact alone has allowed us to place experts in relevant positions in worldwide missions, contributing towards the security of Europe. This endeavour, however, took its toll when Major José M. Galera Córdoba and Lieutenant Abraham L. Bravo Picallo, from the Spanish Guardia Civil, fell in Afghanistan on 25 August 2010, and then Appuntato Scelto Manuele Braj, from the Italian Carabinieri, fell on 25 June 2012, also in Afghanistan, all three victims of terrorist attacks. They will not be forgotten.

We look ahead with our hearts full of optimism. We are aware there is a long road to walk until we all endure the much coveted long-lasting peace, and we will not waver before the challenges lurking ahead. We look at our organization with a critical eye, far from complacency or self-congratulation, and we do it because we must be alert, we must be prepared, and overall, we must evolve with the times.

So, looking ahead to the next decade, we lay our plans simply but firmly. We need deep reflection, a step back and a fresh look on what is ahead of us. This should be done in Member States, Partner and Observer states as well as among national decision makers. They must go hand in hand with concrete steps, and set up common reaction procedures to respond to security threats, where our Gendarmerie assets and values will prevail over all others.



**Commander of the
European Gendarmerie Force
Lucian Gavrila**





THE EUROPEAN GENDARMERIE FORCE



The European Gendarmerie Force (EUROGENDFOR) is a joint initiative by five European Union Member States, -France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain-, joined by Romania in 2008 and Poland in 2011. It was created as a multinational police force with military status capable of performing the entire spectrum of police tasks within the scope of international crisis management. EUROGENDFOR could be considered as an integrated tool designed to carry out police missions in different theatres, including destabilized ones, in support of the European Union (EU), and other international organizations or possible *ad hoc* coalitions. According to the Declaration of Intent and the Treaty of Velsen, EUROGENDFOR is featured as an *“operational, pre-organized, robust, and rapidly deployable force contributing to the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)”*.



The European Gendarmerie Force was founded on 17 September 2004 in Noordwijk (The Netherlands), where the Declaration of Intent was signed by the Ministers in charge, and it was declared operational by the High Level Interdepartmental Committee (CIMIN) on 20 July 2006. Its status was enshrined by the Treaty of Velsen on 18 October 2007, and ever since, EUROGENDFOR's main goal has been to strengthen its operational capabilities to be ready to properly respond to eventual requests for engagement in the crisis management field. Since its first participation in a crisis management operation (European Union's EUFOR "ALTHEA" mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina) in 2007, EUROGENDFOR has been involved in several other theatres all around the world, from Afghanistan to Haiti, from Mali to the Central African Republic, from Libya to Palestine. The important steps taken so far, through its current commitments to the EU, NATO, and UN, have allowed EUROGENDFOR to achieve a considerable improvement in its planning capabilities and to gain a significant experience in operational commitments that have further developed the force itself, thus increasing its reliability within the international community.

After more than ten years from its birth, EUROGENDFOR has clearly proven to be a highly suitable tool for a range of crisis management operations contributing to peace and international security.



Since its inauguration in 2005, the European Gendarmerie Force Permanent Headquarters (PHQ) has been housed at the “General Antonio Chinotto” barracks in Vicenza, Italy. Named after Lieutenant General Antonio Edoardo Chinotto, a hero of World War I that received on 17 December 1917 the Gold Medal for Military Valour for his heroic participation in some of the most important battles of the conflict, this barracks was for nearly twenty years the seat of the Second Training Battalion, where the Carabinieri Corps used to prepare its NCOs Cadets.

On 1 March 2005, the Carabinieri converted the barracks into the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU). This Centre draws its origin from an Italian initiative, supported by other G8 countries during the June 2004 Sea Island Summit held in the United States of America. The initiative’s scope was to increase global capacity for sustaining peace support operations, with an emphasis on African countries.

Since December 2015, this historical barracks also hosts the NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence (NATO SP CoE), which seeks to apply the North Atlantic Alliance’s doctrine to peace support operations.

Thanks to the presence of these three international entities in the same compound, the “Chinotto” barracks can be considered a hub of doctrine, training, and planning related to the Stability Policing in Crisis Management areas.



FOUNDATION OF EUROGENDFOR

AND SPECIAL EVENTS





With the entry of the Lisbon Treaty into force on 1 December 2009, the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), formerly known as the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), provides the European Union with an operational capacity drawing on civilian and military assets.

The CSDP is an essential component of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), and can be considered as one of the most active and dynamic aspects in the complex and multifaceted process of European integration.

The creation of a High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, as well as the decision taken on 26 July 2010 by the Council of the European Union to set up a European External Action Service (EEAS), combined with the strengthening of the existing ones, shows a growing willingness aimed at raising the profile on the international stage, enhancing the European Union's military and political capability, and therefore, its credibility in the field of defence.

In December 1999, in Helsinki (Finland), the European Council decided to strengthen its Common Security and Defence Policy. In particular, it was agreed that by 2003, Member States voluntarily cooperating in EU-led operations, had to be able to deploy in crisis areas within 60 days, and to sustain in said areas, for at least one year, military forces up to 50,000-60,000 personnel, capable of performing the full range of the June 1992 Petersberg's tasks, which may be summarized as humanitarian and rescue missions, peacekeeping, and crisis management, including peace-making.

Following a consistent approach, in June 2000 in Santa Maria da Feira, the European Council welcomed the setting up and first meeting of a committee for civilian aspects of crisis management. In this respect, some Member States, cooperating voluntarily, stated that by 2003 they would be able to provide up to 5,000 police officers for international missions across the range of conflict prevention and crisis management operations. They also undertook the task of being able to select and deploy up to 1,000 police officers within 30 days.

Reflecting on the 2003 European Security Strategy, the Headline Goal 2010 requires Member States to be able to respond with rapid and decisive action by applying a fully coherent approach to the whole spectrum of crisis management operations covered by the Treaty of the European Union.

The aim of the efforts made since the Cologne, Helsinki, and Feira Councils is to give the European Union the means to fully play its role on the international stage and to assume its responsibilities in the events of crisis, by adding to its already existent range of instruments an autonomous capacity able to take decisions





2007 - 2017



10th Anniversary



EUROGENDFOR Commanders



BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier General Gérard DEANAZ (French Gendarmerie)

Born on 22 December 1953 in Lagorce (Ardèche, France). He began his Gendarme career in 1976 as "*sous-lieutenant*".

Scholar education: DEMG (1987) - BEMSG (1992) "Staff College Distinction" and "Military Higher Studies Diploma".

Awards:

- Chevalier de l'ordre national du mérite (9 December 1992);
- Chevalier de la légion d'honneur (14 July 1997);
- Officier de l'ordre national du mérite (28 November 2003);
- Officier de la légion d'honneur (6 July 2006);
- Commandeur de l'ordre national du mérite (8 May 2010);
- Cité à l'ordre de la brigade.

Professional experience:

- Mobile gendarmerie - Platoon commander carried and second-in-command - Squadron 4/11 at Périgueux;
- School - Special Military School of Saint Cyr - Instructor Officer and Section Leader;
- Territorial Gendarmerie - Commanding the Gendarmerie Company of Bourgoin Jallieu;
- Specialized Gendarmerie - Gendarmerie of Nuclear Arms Security - Quarter Officer and Chief of Transport Section for Nuclear Sensitive in Nanterre;
- School Trainee at the Higher Education Centre of the Gendarmerie (BEMSG) in Paris;
- Mobile gendarmerie - Commander the Mobile Gendarmerie Group III / 4 in Limoges;
- Central Administration - Attaché of the Gendarmerie to the Embassy of France in Rome (Italy);
- Territorial Gendarmerie - Commander of the Gendarmerie Group of the Gironde in Bordeaux;
- School - Joint Defence College Joint Division Commander and Chief of Staff Gendarmerie Group;
- Headquarters Directorate General of the National Gendarmerie - Human Resources Department/Deputy Assistant Director of Personnel and chargé de mission to the Head of Department in Paris;
- Headquarters Auditor at the Centre for Advanced Military Studies (CHEM) and Institute of Higher Studies of National Defence (IHEDN) National Session in Paris;
- Headquarters Directorate General of the National Gendarmerie - Human Resources Department chargé de mission to the Head of Department in Paris.



Eurogendfor Commander

2005 - 2007



Brigadier General Gérard DEANAZ became the first Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 15 February 2005.

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Giovanni TRUGLIO (Italian Carabinieri)

Born in Sant'Agata d'Esaro (CS), on 25 November 1959, he entered the Italian Army Academy in Modena (1977-1979), and the Carabinieri Officers' School in Rome (1979-1981).

Scholar education: He holds a degree in Political Science and a degree in Security Science.

Awards:

- Silver Cross for 16 years of duty;
- Commemorative Medal for IBIS Operation in Somalia;
- Silver Medal for Military Valour;
- U.N. Commemorative medal for UNOSOM – Somalia operation;
- Long command period bronze medal;
- Commemorative Medal for PELLICANO and ALBA relief operation in Albania;
- Bronze Medal Cross for 10 years of parachuting;
- Slovenian Gold Medal for Cooperation and Friendship;
- NATO Medal for Peacekeeping Operation in Bosnia.

Professional experience:

- Platoon and Company Commander from 1981 up to 1986 at the Carabinieri Warrant Officer School in Florence;
- Territorial Company Commander in Trieste from 1986 until 1989;
- He served in the Parachutist Battalion "Tuscania" in Livorno as Staff Officer from 1989 until 1995;
- He served as Staff Officer at the Carabinieri HQ – Operational Branch in Rome from 1995 until 1997;
- He was appointed Commander of the Operational Group "Calabria" from 1997 until 2001;
- He served as Commander of the 8th Battalion "Lazio" in Rome from 2001 to 2002;
- He served as Chief of the Operational Centre of the Carabinieri HQ from 2002 to 2003;
- He attended the High Formation Course at the Italian Joint Police Forces School in Rome, from 2003 until 2004;
- He assumed the command of the NATO Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) in Bosnia-Herzegovina on 29 September 2004;
- He assumed the command of the EU Integrated Police Unit (IPU) in Bosnia-Herzegovina on 2 December 2004.



Eurogendfor Commander

2007 - 2009



Colonel Giovanni TRUGLIO became the second Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 26 June 2007.

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Jorge Manuel Gaspar ESTEVES (Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana)

Born in Abrantes on 2 December 1958, he began his military career in 1979 at the Cavalry Army School, attending the Guarda Nacional Republicana Officer's Training Course in 1984, the Captain Promotional Course in 1990, and the Superior Officer Promotional Course in 1998.

Scholar education: University degree and Master's degree both in Sociology. He attended several courses related with Crisis Management Operations, amongst them the United Nations Police Commander Course, the Strategic Planning for European Union Police Mission Course, the European Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course, the NATO Staff Officer Force Planning Course, and the NATO Partnership for Peace Staff Officer Course.

Awards:

- Two Silver Medals of Distinct Public Services;
- Military Meritorious Medal;
- Silver Medal of Exemplary Behaviour;
- Medal of Public Order;
- Bronze Medal of Exemplary Behaviour.

Professional experience:

- He served as Cavalry Platoon Commander at the GNR Cavalry Regiment from 1986 until 1990;
- He served, with the rank of Captain, as Company Commander of GNR enlisted soldiers, Deputy Territorial Group Commander and Territorial Detachment Commander from 1991 until 1999;
- He served as Territorial Group Commander, Head of the 3rd Territorial Brigade Operations and Information's Office, Head of the 3rd Territorial Brigade Criminal Investigation Office, 3rd Territorial Brigade Chief of Staff, and 3rd Territorial Brigade Deputy Commander from 2000 until 2007;
- He integrated the Working Group for the Reform of the Portuguese Internal Security System in 2006;
- He was Assistant Lecturer of Military Sociology at the Military Academy in Lisbon from 2004 to 2007;
- He was the European Gendarmerie Force's Chief of Staff from July 2007 till June 2009.

Colonel Jorge ESTEVES became the third Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 26 June 2009.



Eurogendfor Commander

2009 - 2011



BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Cornelis Pieter Christofor (Kees) KUIJS LLD – (Dutch Royal Marechaussee)

Scholar Education:

1976–1980 Royal Military Academy at Breda: military training, military studies, sociological and psychological studies;
1988 Army Staff-college at The Hague;
1990 - 1992 University of Amsterdam, studied Dutch Law, graduated “Cum Laude”, Master degree in Dutch Law;
1998 Cranfield University (Shrivenham UK), International Aviation Security Course;
1999 The Netherlands Fire Brigade Academy: Disaster Management;
2006-2007 The Netherlands Police Academy: Training course in Personal and Functional Integrity (LPFI);
2007 The Netherlands Defence Academy: Top Management Course Ministry of Defence at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague;
2008 The Netherlands Police Academy: Philosophy and excellence in organisations.

Professional Experience:

- 1976 Cavalry Cadet, Royal Military Academy at Breda;
- 1980 Commissioned as Second Lieutenant at the 43rd Tankbataljon in Germany;
- 1984 Commissioned as Lieutenant with the Royal Marechaussee;
- 1993-1994 Preparation of Danube Mission for the Western European Union in Romania and Hungary;
- 2001 Preparation and execution of aviation security inspections in India, Indonesia and Thailand;
- 2002 Team leader and national representative in the international disaster victim identification operation at the Kuta bomb incident in Bali, Indonesia;
- 2003-2007 Royal Marechaussee's District Commander for the provinces of Noord-Holland/Utrecht, the Dutch Antilles (Caribbean), and later in the 6 north-east provinces in The Netherlands;
- 2004-2005 Team leader and national representative in the international Thailand Tsunami Victim Identification operation;
- 2009-2010 Commander Special Police Department EULEX-Kosovo;
- 2008 Senior Policy Advisor at the Department of General Policy Affairs in the Ministry of Defence at The Hague;



Eurogendfor Commander

2011 - 2013



Colonel Cornelis KUIJS became the fourth Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 28 June 2011.

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Esteban PEREZ (Spanish Guardia Civil)

Scholar education:

1977-1982 Military Academy and Guardia Civil Academy;
1981 - 1982 Complutense University (Madrid). Forensics and Criminal Investigation;
1982 Traffic Police Academy;
1984 Special Antiterrorist Tactics and Techniques;
1986 Explosive Ordnance Disposal and NBC Defence;
1987 Ministry of Justice (Madrid). Legal aspects of the Judicial Police;
1993 Army and Guardia Civil Academies. Leadership and Command Course for Senior Police Officers;
1994-1996 Army Staff School - General Staff Course/Diploma;
1996 War College (Madrid). War Rights/I.C. Red Cross;
1997-2000 University of Zaragoza. Degree of Law;
1999 Ministry of Defence (Vienna). Civil-Military Cooperation in Peace Keeping Operations;
2004 Strategic Security Studies Institute (Madrid). Money laundering and financing of terrorism;
2010 Francisco Vitoria University (Madrid). EU Common Security and Defence Policy;
2011 National Defence High Studies College. Strategic Leadership Course for Promotion to General;
2011-2012. IESE Business School (University of Navarra). Public Administration Leadership Program Master's Degree;
2012 National Defence High Studies College. Highest Level Defence Course for Asian-Pacific Generals;
2012 Francisco Vitoria University (Madrid). Highest level course on Security Direction and Management.

Professional experience:

- 1982-1984 Chief of Security Unit, and Customs Unit;
- 1984-1986 Chief of Unit at the Special Antiterrorist Division (GAR);
- 1986-1988 Chief of a Traffic Police Unit. Deputy Head of the Provincial Traffic Police Unit;
- 1988-1994 Chief of Criminal Investigation Unit;
- 1996-1998 Executive Officer, Regional Headquarters;
- 1998-2001 Provincial Deputy Commander;
- 2001 Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU. Counsellor/Spanish Delegate to Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management;
- 2004-2006 European Commission - DG Europeaid/DG Quality Support/UNIT E-5 Security and Migration;
- 2006-2010 Council of European External Action Service- Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability –Planning Cell;
- 2010-2013 Guardia Civil Headquarters. Head of Human Resources Division;



Eurogendfor Commander

2013 - 2015



Colonel Francisco ESTEBAN became the fifth Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 28 June 2013.

BIOGRAPHY

General Brigadier Phillippe RIO (French Gendarmerie)

Scholar education:

He has a diploma in literary studies, a master in political sciences, and is graduated from the Joint Defence College Senior Command Course.

Professional experience:

- 1980 Entered the Saint-Cyr Army academy;
- 1983 Completed his training in the Gendarmerie Officers' Academy at Melun;
- Commander of several units in the Mobile and Territorial Gendarmerie;
- Platoon Commander in a crowd control unit;
- Company Commander in the Republican Guard, providing security to the Parliament;
- District Commander in Aix en Provence;
- Province Commander in Aude;

As the Head of the Drug Enforcement Section in the National Gendarmerie General Directorate, he developed a drug prevention and enforcement strategy.

He developed training programs as the Operations Planning professor in the French Joint Forces Defence College.

He was legal advisor in the NATO military Headquarters (SHAPE), subsequently switching to intelligence, transferring police intelligence analysis tools into military intelligence systems and developing a training program in support of SFOR and KFOR.

Later on, he was assigned to the French Permanent Representation to the EU as a Justice and Home Affairs Counsellor.

In 2012, he joined the European Union Delegation to Libya in Tripoli as police advisor, where he supported the EU ambassador in the preparation of EUBAM Libya.

He was appointed to the French Ministry of Interior, as incumbent for the crisis prevention and crisis management issues in the "International and European affairs delegation".

Just before his assignment as EUROGENDFOR Commander, he was responsible for the external military relations of the French Gendarmerie Nationale.



Eurogendfor Commander

2015 - 2017



Brigadier General Philippe RIO became the sixth Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 26 June 2015.

BIOGRAFY

Colonel Lucien GAVRILĂ (Romanian Jandarmeria)

Scholar education:

He entered the Police Academy “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” (Bucharest) in 1983 and graduated in 1993 in the Gendarmerie branch. He has a degree in Criminal Law by the University of Bucharest, Law College. He has a degree in Joint Warfare, International Relations and Planning by the Command and General Staff College, Military School (Paris). He has a Political Advisor Certificate taken by “Folke Bernadotte” Academy in Sweden.

Professional experience:

- 2009-2011 Head of Analysis and Programs Service at the General Inspectorate of Romanian Gendarmerie;
- 2011-2013 Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy at the European Gendarmerie Force PHQ;
- 2013 Specialist officer for Operations and Planning of exercises, Guidance and Control in the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- 2015 Chief of Romanian Contingent and Senior Advisor for the Afghanistan Ministry of Interior Chief of Staff;
- 2016 Head of Operations, Coordinating Operations, and Planning in all Gendarmeries Units.



Eurogendfor Commander

2017 - 2019



Colonel Lucien GAVRILĂ became the seventh Commander of the European Gendarmerie Force on 27 June 2017.

EUROGENDFOR



2005 - 2007



Vicenza (Italy), January 2006
Inauguration of the Eurogendfor's Permanent Headquarters



Saint Astier (France), 2005
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX05

Vicenza (Italy), January 2006
Inauguration of the Eurogendfor's Permanent Headquarters



Vicenza (Italy), January 2006
Inauguration of the Eurogendfor's Permanent Headquarters



Saint Astier (France), 2005
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX05



Valdemoro (Spain), 2006
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX06



Valdemoro (Spain), 2006
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX06



Vicenza (Italy), 2006
PHQ Inauguration Ceremony



Valdemoro (Spain), 2006
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX06



Valdemoro (Spain), 2006
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX06



Valdemoro (Spain), 2006
Eurogendfor Exercise - EGEX06



Bosnia, 2007
EUFOR Althea Mission



Velsen (The Netherlands), 2007
Signing of the Treaty of Velsen

EUROGENDFOR



2007 - 2009



Vicenza (Italy), 2007
Change of Command Ceremony

Afghanistan
ISAF Mission

Bosnia Herzegovina

EUFOR ALTHEA Mission, from 22 November 2007 until 28 October 2010.

EUROGENDFOR was manning the IPU Headquarters and coordinating the EUROGENDFOR contributions for the Integrated Police Unit (IPU) within the framework of the EUFOR "Althea" mission in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

This first mission set a milestone in EUROGENDFOR's development as a credible and valid tool at the disposal of the European Union and other relevant International Organizations, in the field of Crisis Management Operations.

The IPU supported the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace. For almost three years, the EUROGENDFOR IPU contributed to establishing a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE) in Bosnia Herzegovina.



Bosnia, 2007
EUFOR Althea Mission



Bosnia, 2007
EUFOR Althea Mission



Coimbra (Portugal), 2008
CIMIN Meeting – Romanian Gendarmerie Commander



Coimbra (Portugal), 2008
CIMIN Meeting



Bosnia, 2007
EUFOR Althea Mission



Bosnia, 2007
EUFOR Althea Mission



Portugal, 2008
EUROGENDFOR Exercise - EGEX08



Lithuania, 2009
Lithuania joins Eurogendfor as Partner



Afghanistan
ISAF Mission



Afghanistan
ISAF Mission



EUROGENDFOR



2009 - 2011



Vicenza(Italy), 2009
Change of Command Ceremony



Afghanistan, 2009
NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) Fact
Finding Mission

Haiti

Although the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) had already been in existence since 1 June 2004, a massive earthquake on 12 January 2010, which killed 220.000 people, worsened the situation in the country. The UN Security Council requested on 17 January 2010 the deployment of self-sustainable crowd control units in Haiti. Answering to this urgent need, the CIMIN agreed on a EUROGENDFOR deployment on 8 February 2010.



Haiti, 2010
MINUSTAH Mission



Haiti, 2010
MINUSTAH Mission



Masar Sharif (Afghanistan), 2009
NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) Fact
Finding Mission



Bosnia, 2009
EUFOR Althea Mission

Vilnius (Lithuania), 2010
CIMIN Working Group



Masar Sharif (Afghanistan), 2009
NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) Fact
Finding Mission





Afghanistan, 2010
Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Team



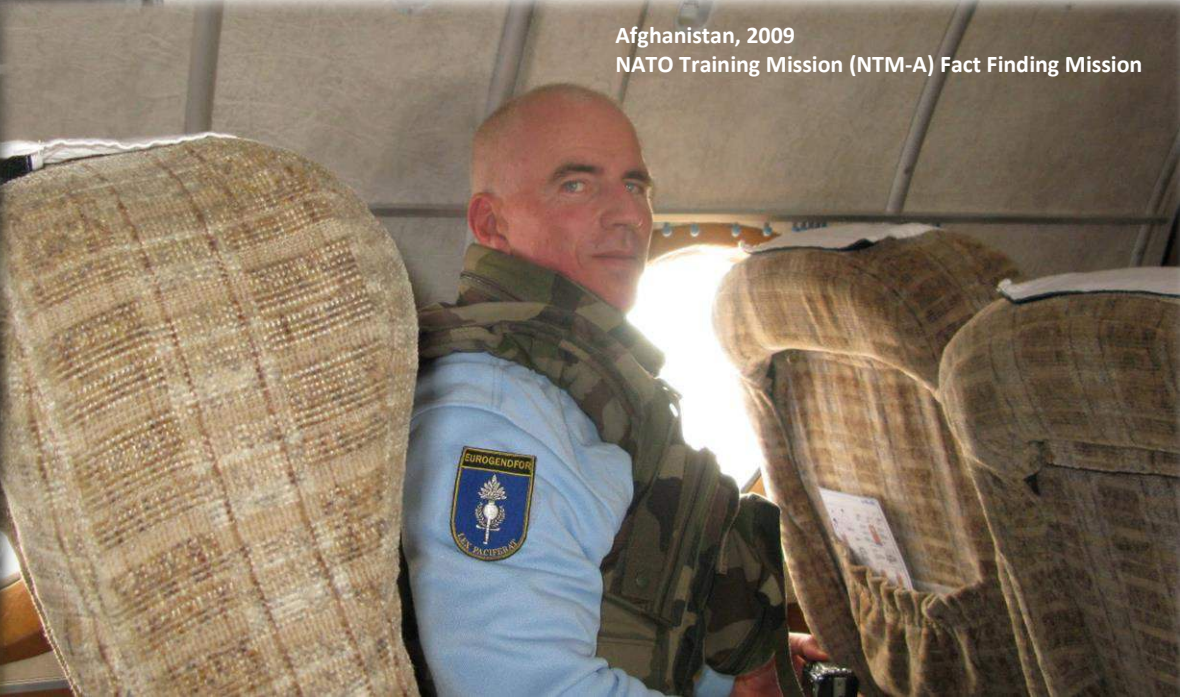
Afghanistan, 2010
Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Team



Haiti, 2010
EUROGENDFOR Officers - Force protection



Afghanistan, 2009
NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) Fact Finding Mission



Afghanistan, 2009
NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) Fact Finding Mission

Afghanistan, 2011
Spanish Contingent – Farewell Ceremony



EUROGENDFOR



2011 - 2013



Vicenza (Italy), 2011
Change of Command Ceremony



Saint Astier (France), 2011



Italy, 2011
PHQ Team Building



Afghanistan

EUROGENDFOR's commitment in Afghanistan began on 8 December 2009 in the NATO-led ISAF Operation, being its mission's focus on training and advising issues.

EUROGENDFOR deployed 196 trainers in December 2009 to three Training Centres in Afghanistan, under the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan chain of command. By May 2011 EUROGENDFOR's deployment peaked to more than 400 troops, provided by France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Poland, Spain, and Turkey, being this its most important mission ever.

The Police Advisory Teams (PAT), also called Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Teams, provided an adapted tactical and police curriculum to the Afghan police.

EUROGENDFOR was involved in the training of Afghan National Police (ANP) as a whole, including the Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP), Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP), and the Afghan Border Police (ABP).

Shura (Afghanistan), 2011



CPX Exercise in 2012

EUROGENDFOR PHQ (Italy), 2013
OSCE Ambassador's visit

EUROGENDFOR Commander 2011-2013

Kunduz (Afghanistan), 2012
ISAF – Police Advisory Team (PAT)



Valdemoro (Spain), 2011
EGEX Exercise

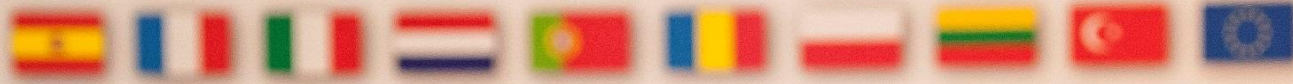


Afghanistan, 2011
Police Advisory Team (PAT)

Afghanistan, 2011
POMILT Team



EUROGENDFOR CIMIN PRESIDENCY THE NETHERLANDS 2013



EUROGENDFOR



2013 - 2015



Vicenza (Italy), 2013
Change Of Command Ceremony

Kenya, 2013
EUPST Exercise

Kenya, 2013
EUPST Exercise

Central African Republic
EUROGENDFOR IPU Commander





Kenya, 2013
EUPST Exercise



The Netherlands, 2014
EUPST Lowlands Grenade Exercise



Vicenza (Italy), 2015
Debriefing of EUROGENDFOR's IPU Commander in the
Central African Republic

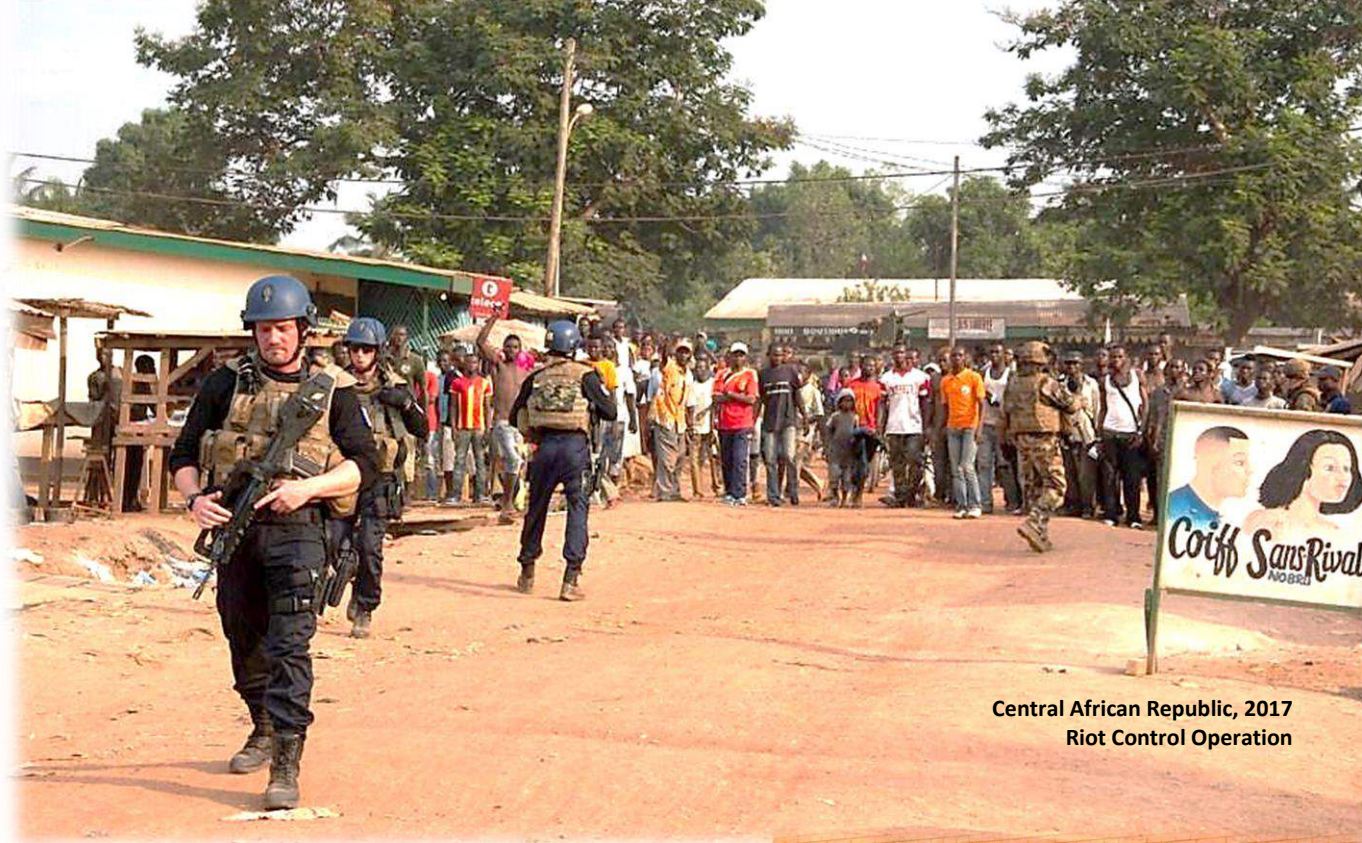


Central African Republic, 2014
EUFOR RCA - Polish forces

Central African Republic

The EUFOR RCA mission was launched on 1 April 2014, and within this mission, EUROGENDFOR was specifically tasked and proudly devoted to playing a key role in stabilizing a particularly volatile area of the capital, Bangui. EUROGENDFOR deployed a gendarmerie-type Integrated Police Unit in order to reinforce the rule of law, to maintain public order, and to fight against impunity.

The EUROGENDFOR Permanent Headquarters (PHQ) focused their efforts on the mission from its very establishment, including the secondment of two PHQ Officers to the EUFOR RCA Operational Headquarters (OHQ) in Larissa (Greece), to participate in the EUFOR RCA mission planning process.



Central African Republic, 2017
Riot Control Operation



Central African Republic, 2015
EUMAM RCA



Afghanistan, 2013
Spanish Contingent

EUROGENDFOR



2015 - 2017



Vicenza (Italy), 2015
Change of Command Ceremony



Mali
EUTM Mission



Gabon, 2016
AFRICOM Exercise



Ukraine, 2015
EUMAM Ukraine



Central African Republic, 2015
Fact Finding Mission

Vicenza (Italy), 2017
EUPST Exercise



MAU (2015)
National Police Training

Logrono, Spain (2017)
EUPST Exercise



Central African Republic, 2015
Close protection



Vicenza (Italy), 2017
EUPST Exercise

Central African Republic, 2015
Community policing



Italy, 2017
PHQ Team Building Planning



Saint-Astier (France), 2017
EUPST Exercise

Vicenza (Italy) 2016
EUROGENDFOR PHQ - ABF Audit

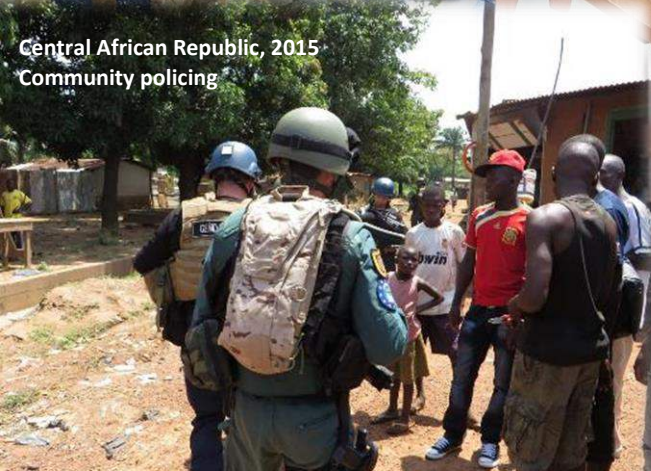


Mali, 2016
EUROGENDFOR/UN Joint Assessment



Italy, 2017
PHQ Team Building

Central African Republic, 2015
Community policing



Italy, 2015
Operational Planning Workshop





Vicenza (Italy), 2016
EUROCORPS visit to the PHQ



Vicenza (Italy), 2016
EUROGENDFOR Day celebration



Vicenza, (Italy), 2015
Eurogendfor Operational Planning Workshop

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2017 - 2018

Vicenza (Italy), 2017
Change of Command Ceremony



Vicenza (Italy), 2017
Change of Command Ceremony



Central African Republic
Mentoring Task



Training the Tunisia National Guard



Turkish LNO induction training at the PHQ



Central African Republic, 2017
EUROGENDFOR's Coordinator



Lisbon (Portugal), 2017
Press and Public Information Meeting

Mali

On 15 April 2014, the European Council established the European Union Capacity Building Mission in Mali (EUCAP SAHEL Mali), a civilian mission under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) to support the Internal Security Forces of Mali.

On 17 April 2014, the CIMIN decided to engage EUROGENDFOR in the mission with experts to advise and train personnel from both the Malian Gendarmerie and the National Guard. This was the first contribution of EUROGENDFOR to an EU civilian mission.



Mali, 2018
MINUSMA SOC & CT Team



Lisbon (Portugal), 2017
Operational Planning Workshop



Madrid (Spain), 2017
10th Anniversary celebration



Tunisia, 2017
Train the Trainers in Tunis



EUROGENDFOR and EEAS Agreement



Vicenza (Italy), 2017
PHQ Staff formation



Operational Planning Workshop in Lisbon



Romania, 2018
EUPST Exercise



Video-conference with SOC & CT Team in Mali



Kosovo, 2018
EULEX Fact Finding Mission

Romania, 2018
EUPST Exercise



Afghanistan, 2018
Self-Defence Course



Guarda Nacional Republicana
Contingent speech



Afghanistan, 2018
Romanian Contingent



Afghanistan, 2018
Turkish PAT



Mali, 2018
EUCAP SAHEL Mali



Central African Republic, 2018
Meeting UNPOL-MINUSCA





Mali, 2018
EUCAP SAHEL Mali - EUROGENDFOR providing training



Mali, 2018
MINUSMA – EUROGENDFOR's Counterterrorism Investigation Team



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MINUSMA – EUROGENDFOR's Counterterrorism Investigation Team

10th Anniversary Ceremony



December 2017















10 years of the Velsen Treaty







In Memoriam





Captain JOSE MARIA GALERA CORDOBA, married, was born at Albacete (Spain) on 28 January 1977.

In 1998, he entered the General Military Academy in Zaragoza until 2000, when he continued his studies at the Guardia Civil Officers Academy (Aranjuez), obtaining the rank of Lieutenant in 2003. On 17 May 2008, he was promoted to Captain.

From 2003 to 2005, he was stationed in the 3rd Company (Requena) of the Guardia Civil's Provincial Command of Valencia.

From 2005 to 2008, he was a member of the 2nd Company (San Sebastian) of the Rapid Action Group-Grupo de Acción Rápida (GAR).

On 1 July 2008, he was seconded to the Special Training Centre (Logroño) until 21 December 2008, when he was definitely appointed as Head of the Department of Special Techniques, where he taught as specialised trainer, as well.

Over the course of his professional career, he lectured in conferences, seminars, and courses, both at national and international level, and he completed professional courses focused, inter alia, in Judicial Police (2003), Special Counter Terrorist Tactics and Techniques (2004), Close Protection Techniques (2006), Parachuting Course (2007) and Crowd and Riot Control (2009).

On 9 March 2010 he was deployed within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan until he was killed in action in a terrorist attack on 25 August 2010.

He was posthumously awarded the European Gendarmerie Force Golden Medal for Gallantry.





First Lieutenant ABRAHAM LEONCIO BRAVO PICALLO, single, was born at Vimianzo (A Coruña) on 12 October 1976.

From 1995 to 1997 he served in the Army as a specialist infantry soldier.

From 1997 to 1999 he joined the Air Force as a specialist soldier in office automation.

In 1999 he entered the Guardia Civil Academy in Úbeda (Jaén), finalising his academic period.

His first professional assignments were at the Guardia Civil Stations of Negreira (A Coruña) in 2000, Sepúlveda (Segovia) from 2001 to 2002, and Boceguillas (Segovia) from 2002 to 2003.

In January 2003, he completed the Special Counter Terrorist Tactics and Techniques Course, becoming a member of the Rapid Action Group-Grupo de Acción Rápida (GAR) from 30 May 2003 to 3 June 2004, when he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned a new position in the Station of El Vendrell (Tarragona).

On 4 May 2005, he was appointed as specialised trainer in the Special Training Centre (Logroño), completing the Parachuting Course in 2006.

After being promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in 2007, he remained posted as specialised trainer in the Special Training Centre (Logroño), complementing his trainer activity with lectures in conferences, seminars, and courses according to his field of expertise.

On 9 March 2010 he was deployed within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan until he was killed in action in a terrorist attack on 25 August 2010.

He was posthumously awarded the European Gendarmerie Force Golden Medal for Gallantry.



Manuele BRAJ was born in Galatina (LE) in the southern Italy region of Puglia on 18 January 1982, growing up in the nearby town of Collepasso.

He joined the Italian Carabinieri, entering the 13th Carabinieri Regiment “Friuli Venezia Giulia” in Gorizia, a city near to the Slovenian border, serving abroad in Albania twice, in Kosovo, and in Iraq, being first promoted to the rank of “Carabiniere Scelto”, and then to the rank of “Appuntato”.

In 2012, he was on temporary duty in the EUROGENDFOR training centre of Adraskan (Afghanistan), within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. A member of the Shooting Range/Fire Arms squad of the Police Speciality Training Team, in an environment characterized by high and persistent risk coming from submerged pockets of hostilities, he committed every personal resource to the accomplishment of the assigned task, dedicating himself with untiring behaviour and deep conviction to the training and support activities for the benefit of the local police.

On 25 June 2012, while supervising the shooting practice in the local base’s shooting range, Manuele BRAJ was mortally wounded by the devastating explosion caused by a rocket, launched by members of a terrorist cell against the observation post where he was on duty with other soldiers.

The highest spirit of abnegation, the conscious dauntlessness and extraordinary professionalism, constantly expressed by Appuntato Scelto Manuele BRAJ allowed the achievement of the scopes of the dangerous mission, highlighting the prestige of the European Gendarmerie Force at international level. He was a clear example of outstanding military virtues, highest sense of duty, and absolute dedication to the service.

During his military career, he was awarded the Italian medal for peacekeeping operations, the Italian medal for humanitarian support operations, the NATO non-Article 5 medal, The European Union Common Security and Defence Policy Service Medal.

He was posthumously awarded the Italian Honour Cross for the victims of terrorist actions or hostile acts while in military or civil operations abroad; the Italian Golden Medal to the victims of terrorism; the European Gendarmerie Force Golden Medal for Gallantry.

He was survived by his wife Federica, married in 2008, and their son Manuel, born just eight months before Manuele’s death.





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