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## **LETTER OF INTENT**

**between**

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**AND**

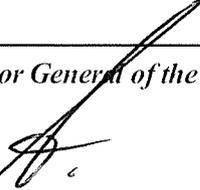
**THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF EUROCORPS (EC)**

20 August 2025

### REFERENCES:

- A. European Union Council Decision 2001/80/CFSP of 22 January 2001 on the establishment of the Military Staff of the European Union last amended by Council Decision 2008/298/CFSP of 7 April 2008.
  - B. EC Concept of Employment of 27 November 2014 (under revision).
  - C. EUROPEAN UNION - EUROCORPS Framework Document of 10 July 2015
  - D. European Union Council Decision 9797/23 of 27 June 2023 on the exchange of EU classified information with third States and international organizations - 2022 annual overview
  - E. EUROCORPS' vision 2026+: EU and NATO ready, 17 October 2024
1. EU Council Decision (Ref A) established the EUMS. The EUMS is the source of the EU's military expertise. It performs early warning, situation awareness and strategic planning for missions and tasks referred to in Article 43 (1) of the Treaty on the European Union, including those identified in the EU Global Strategy and the EU Strategic Compass for Security and Defence. This also encompasses the identification of European national and multinational forces and the implementation of policies and decisions as directed by the European Union Military Committee (EUMC).

2. In accordance with reference B, EUROCORPS is a multinational fully deployable and highly autonomous HQ for its Framework Nations, the EU, NATO and other International Organisations. It is to be prepared to plan and conduct land and land heavy operations across the full spectrum of operations by commanding allocated forces as decided its Common Committee (CoCo) in the name of the Framework Nations.
3. Fully in line with reference C and E and with the ongoing and upcoming tasks within the EU, EUROCORPS aspires to become a preferred military asset for the EU in the future by increasing its availability and hence its visibility within the EU crisis management arena. In particular, EUROCORPS is to be prepared as an EU reaction force within the whole spectrum of EU crisis management operations.
4. The purpose of this Letter of Intent (LoI) is to express a common and mutual interest for both organisations to closely relate and co-ordinate work of common purpose, thus collectively giving added-value to both organisations. This letter provides for an agreed framework for potential bilateral cooperation. Annex A lists specific areas of potential cooperation.
5. In recognition of the evolving nature of the above mentioned work, the differentiation of tasks and responsibilities is neither intended to be all inclusive nor exclusively limited to the contents of Annex A. Both organisations can submit recommendations for future areas of co-operative interest in order to reflect progress and developments in this expert field.
6. If and when, any of the areas of mutual interest as referred to in Annex A to this LoI are identified by the participants as potential areas for development and implementation, the participants to this LoI acknowledge that such cooperation, including but not limited to any rights, duties, responsibilities and any other issues, will be based exclusively on a separate and independent cooperative or implementation agreement(s), fully in accordance with all EUMS and EUROCORPS standards, rules, regulations and internal procedures.
7. Nothing in this LoI places any obligation on either the EUMS or EUROCORPS, either individually or jointly. This LoI, either in its entirety or in part, does not contain any provisions from which any rights, benefits, entitlements, obligations, duties, responsibilities, delivery of services, or substantive and procedural rights derive.
8. This LoI does not contain any provision which is or would be enforceable by any laws, rules or regulations or both and this LoI does not provide such authority.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Director General of the EUMS</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Michiel VAN DER LAAN Lieutenant General EUMS Director General</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Commanding General of HQ EC</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Piotr BLAZEUSZ Lieutenant General Commanding General of EC</i></p>
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## Annex A: Spheres of Cooperation

### A. Areas of Cooperation outside of the framework of EU CSDP missions

1. **Cooperation Management:** Given the focus levels of the EUMS and EUROCORPS (Political Strategic for the EUMS and Operational and Tactical for EUROCORPS), close collaboration will be utilised via a yet to be established working group. On a bi-annual basis co-chaired (EUMS and EUROCORPS) working group meetings (as required) will be held at each organisation's headquarters in order to ensure project work is complementary, consistent and generates synergy.
2. **Information exchange:** In accordance with reference D, a viable record of the exchange of information, both planned and executed, will be established and maintained at respective branches of each organisation. Meetings at the working level will be executed as required to conduct coordinated work in agreed areas of mutual interest. Both the EUMS and the EUROCORPS representatives are encouraged to conduct regular information updates to the respective organisations in terms of processes and accomplishments.
3. **Proactive collaboration principle:** When necessary, each organisation's leadership should take opportunities to request the other organisation's representatives for assistance in elaborating on a particular task, if more potentially suitable to that organisation's Charter. This request should be progressed without any unnecessary delay. In general this cooperation will be assured in the framework of collaborative work from the respective headquarters of both parties in accordance with reference D (via secure lines).
4. **EU rapid response capabilities development:** EUROCORPS will co-operate with EUMS by offering the whole HQ or specific modules, including for exercises, and by contributing to the development of concepts as well as of operational scenarios for training purposes, as all of them could be beneficial for both organisations.
5. **Conceptual Development:** Where a suitable requirement (focus on land operations) is identified EUROCORPS will assist the EUMS in the development of concepts and/or related doctrines at Branch Chief and Action Officer level as approved by the CoCo. Cooperation and coordination within this domain are desirable in order to bring tactical level experience to conceptual documents. Whenever possible HQ EUROCORPS should contribute to this process with adequate reach-back capabilities for EUMS in Strasbourg.

6. **Training, Education and Exercises opportunities:** Both organisations will seek to facilitate the exchange of joint training, education and exercising efforts. EUROCORPS will be regularly informed about existing EUMS-led courses, whenever appropriate, through their representatives. EUROCORPS will within means and capabilities and taking other obligations into account apply for vacant slots, as required and in accordance with existing agreed procedures. The same principle will be applied for EUMS requests to support planning and conduct of joint and combined exercises. EUROCORPS will explore options to become EU Military Training Discipline Leader in its area of competence and interest. EUMS will support EUROCORPS to initiate the process.
7. **Study on EUROCORPS development:** EUROCORPS will invite, as required, and EUMS representatives will provide requested expertise (focusing on the assessment of EUROCORPS capabilities of employment, operations planning, logistics and communications) to support EUROCORPS in its collaborative work with the EUROCORPS Committee for the study on the possible development for EUROCORPS HQ in order to increase its employability as a preferred military asset for EU-led military operations and missions.
8. **Connectivity:** EUMS and EUROCORPS intend to explore opportunities for collaboration in the area of communication and information systems, with a view to ensuring sustained connectivity and interoperability between the two organisations.

**B. Areas of Cooperation in the framework of EU CSDP missions**

1. **Ad hoc augmentation of EUMS Crisis Management Teams:** EUMS will request, under EUMC direction and as appropriate (when EUROCORPS HQ is considered as potentially suitable as FHQ of a possible CSDP mission) and EUROCORPS will commit, under CoCo decision, augmentation of EUMS Crisis Management Teams in the domains of EU-led military operations or missions (intelligence, advance or crisis response planning, monitoring, joint disarmament, military advice and assistance). Cooperation within these domains is desirable in order to facilitate collaborative planning from the early stages of an operation, ensure a smooth transition from political-strategic to military-strategic planning and to monitor the strategic environment and to provide assessment and analysis at the Political Strategic level after an EU- led military operation or mission is launched. Whenever possible EUROCORPS should support in this phase with mission tailored reach-back capabilities set up in HQ EUROCORPS Strasbourg.
  
2. **Ad hoc augmentation of the OHQ/MPCC:** Once the decision to assign one of the OHQ or to activate the MPCC for the planning and conduct of an EU-led autonomous military operation or mission has been made by the Council and when EUROCORPS HQ is considered as potentially suitable as FHQ of a CSDP mission, the EUMS and/or the OHQ/MPCC (in line with the reach back capability concept) will request, as required, and EUROCORPS will reinforce the OHQ or MPCC with some 'double-hatted' augmentees as approved by the CoCo and in particular by activating its Joint Operational Planning Group (JOPG) inside the EUROCORPS HQ in Strasbourg. Selected personnel from the EUROCORPS should be nominated in advance to the pool of pre-identified augmentees. Cooperation in this field will ensure the implementation of the designated OHQ/MPCC to achieve full operational capability.
  
3. **Contribution to the Lessons process:** Both organisations will seek the best way to utilise the Lessons in domains of planning and conduct of EU-led military operations or missions and exercises. Whenever appropriate (when EUROCORPS HQ was designated as FHQ for a CSDP mission), EUROCORPS will provide the EUMS with lessons drawn from its possible participation to EU-led military operations, missions and exercises for further processing. On the other hand, EUROCORPS may benefit from CSDP lessons reports provided by the EUMS, notwithstanding the observance of the agreements on classified information exchange between the EU and EUROCORPS.