PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

HEADQUARTERS EUROCORPS

AND

THE CITY OF STRASBOURG

Introduction

For the past three decades, Headquarters Eurocorps and the City of Strasbourg have not only shared a home region but also pursued shared objectives in support of the security of Strasbourg residents and Eurocorps service members. More than that, the City of Strasbourg and Eurocorps stand as symbols of reconciliation and peace in Europe. Eurocorps' presence alongside the European institutions has contributed directly to Strasbourg's European identity and status as a European capital. Given their closely aligned objectives and activities, Eurocorps and the City of Strasbourg are committed to fostering collaboration through joint projects and initiatives.

Whereas

EUROCORPS (EC) is a multinational corps headquarters based in Strasbourg since its creation in 1992. It is composed of military and civilian personnel from six Framework Nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain, and Poland) and five Associated Nations (Austria, Greece, Italy, Romania, and Türkiye), as well as Ireland. The Framework Nations have placed Eurocorps at the service of the European Union (EU) and NATO. Eurocorps continuously trains to be 'EU and NATO ready,' ensuring the protection of EU citizens, values and interests. Additionally, it contributes to international peace and security by providing 360-Degree International Crisis Response capabilities and participating in Collective Defense.

And

A symbol of Franco-German reconciliation, Strasbourg was chosen in 1949 as the host city of the Council of Europe and is now the seat of several other European institutions and organizations, including the European Parliament and Eurocorps. It is also the French city with the second-largest diplomatic presence, after Paris.

Like all cities in France, Strasbourg is governed by a municipal council (deliberative body) and by the mayor, assisted by deputies (executive body). The mayor is elected by the municipal council for a six-year term. The City of Strasbourg's areas of intervention include (but are not limited to) culture, schools, social services, youth programs, sports, urban greenery and forests, public lighting, civil registry services and municipal policing.

Towards a strong, lasting partnership

Under the present Partnership Agreement, Headquarters Eurocorps and the City of Strasbourg commit to recognizing their mutual interests and affirm their intention to further enhance their relationship and cooperation. Their joint efforts aim to create synergy, enhance security and support knowledge development, ensuring sustained progress, continuity and a lasting partnership. Furthermore, the Partnership Agreement will facilitate coordination between the relevant departments of both Parties and create opportunities for collaboration on key initiatives.

Areas of cooperation

Within this framework, the Commander of Eurocorps and the Mayor of Strasbourg agree to:

- Enhance joint visibility and highlight their roles in Europe and the European Union;
- Provide information and relevant contacts to help Eurocorps personnel and their families integrate into the local community, particularly in areas such as education, cultural activities, local regulations and administrative requirements;
- Facilitate participation in conferences and exercises;
- Contribute to environmental protection initiatives and events;
- Connecting with, upon request and within availability and capability, subject matter experts to support educational programs and thematic events (e.g. speakers for seminars, workshops, lectures, etc.) in such areas as would not violate free competition and in accordance with the neutrality regulations of the Framework Nations;
- Enhance dialog: the commitments outlined in this Agreement form the basis for further dialog and cooperation on specific initiatives.

Principles of cooperation

Under this Partnership Agreement, Eurocorps and the City of Strasbourg agree to cooperate in the following ways, to the extent possible:

a) Establish connections between Eurocorps service members and Strasbourg municipal staff working within similar functional areas to encourage the sharing of information and best practices;
b) Promote the history, roles and contributions of both Parties in bringing about a safer, more secure Europe, particularly by including such themes in relevant events, exhibitions, and forums;

c) Provide, within means and capabilities, administrative support, including making premises available for each other for events falling within the scope of this Partnership Agreement;

d) Strengthen cooperation in information sharing and communication through appropriate digital channels to enhance visibility and ensure broad accessibility of relevant information;

e) Designate Points of Contact within each organization to facilitate smooth cooperation
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   - City of Strasbourg: Director, Directorate of European, International and Cross-Border Relations, Email: DirectionRelationsEuropeennesEtInternationales@strasbourg.eu, Tel: 03 68 98 77 11

Final provisions

a) The objectives outlined in this Partnership Agreement form the basis for further dialog and cooperation on specific initiatives, as agreed between Headquarters Eurocorps and the City of Strasbourg.

b) The Commander of Eurocorps and the Mayor of Strasbourg ensure oversight of this Partnership Agreement, notably through an annual meeting.

c) This Partnership Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its signing by both Parties. It may be amended by mutual agreement, expressed in writing, in particular following regular consultation meetings. The Partnership Agreement is valid for an indefinite period; however, either Party may terminate it by providing six months' written notice to the other Party.

d) This Partnership Agreement has been made in two equally valid copies, in both French and English.

Signed in Strasbourg, on 22 May 2025,

FOR HEADQUARTERS EUROCORPS	FOR THE CITY OF STRASBOURG
..... Lieutenant General Piotr BŁAZEUSZ Commander of Eurocorps	..... Ms Jeanne BARSEGHIAN Mayor of Strasbourg