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## IECEU field visit to the Palestinian territories and Israel



Crisis Management Centre (CMC) Finland participates in the IECEU project by conducting two of a total of eight case studies, focusing on the Palestinian territories and Libya.

The study on the Palestinian Territories focuses on the two EU Common Security and Defence policy (CSDP) missions in the area: the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) and the European Union Border Assistance Mission in Rafah (EUBAM Rafah). Both missions were established in late 2005. For already a decade EUPOL COPPS has been supporting strengthening Palestinian Civil Police and criminal justice mechanisms. Due to political and security situation, EUBAM Rafah's activities in Gaza have been suspended since mid-2007.





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In March 2016, CMC Finland conducted a two-week field research visit to the Palestinian territories and Israel. Interviews were conducted with EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah staff members on their current work, as well as on their views on the key achievements of and challenges for the EU's civilian crisis management operations in the region. Representatives of other EU institutions and international organisations also shared their insights on aid efforts in the fields of security and justice sector reforms in the Palestinian territories. To ensure the inclusion of local perspectives in the study, representatives of Palestinian authorities as well as Palestinian non-governmental organisations were consulted.

The results of the study on the EU CSDP missions in the Palestinian Territories will be published later this year on this website. IECEU project will bring findings of this and other case studies together, and provide information on best practices and recommendations for the EU to developing its conflict prevention, peacebuilding and crisis management capabilities.