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Overview of DCAF's support
to the European Union in the
area of SSR

Background and overview

To fulfil a key strategic objective of the Centre, DCAF has provided significant support to developing the EU's emerging approach to Security Sector Reform (SSR) through policy advice, policy research and operational activities. DCAF continues to receive important EU policy research mandates in our core business of security sector reform. In addition to supporting the EU's SSR activities outside the EU, DCAF also works to strengthen security sector governance (SSG) within the EU. All EU Member States are members of the DCAF Foundation Council. DCAF supports the EU from its Headquarters in Geneva, directly in field locations, and also has a DCAF office located in Brussels.

Policy research activities

EU Police Development

In February 2008, DCAF published a comprehensive study entitled the European Union and Security Sector Reform. The study explains the origins and evolution of SSR as a concept and its adoption in EU policy.

EU-UN Cooperation on SSR

In 2009, the Council of the European Union mandated DCAF to support a seminar in New York on 'Enhancing EU-UN cooperation in Crisis Management: Focus on SSR'.

European Parliament

In 2011, with a mandate from the European Parliament's Directorate General for Internal Policies, DCAF completed a study which examined the "Parliamentary Oversight of Intelligence Agencies in relevant EU Member States and other Major Democracies. The study provided recommendations for strengthening the EP's oversight of the EU's security, justice and home affairs bodies.

Gender and security sector reform

In 2009 DCAF and ISIS Europe were supported by the European Commission to conduct a series of gender and SSR roundtables aimed at building the capacities of European Institution experts and personnel in CSDP missions to integrate gender into their work. In 2010, DCAF participated in different follow-up events and capacity-building workshop with the EU Commission EU Delegations and EU CSDP missions. In June 2011, DCAF supported the Hungarian Presidency in their conference on "gender and security in Bosnia and Herzegovina", which took place in Brussels, conceptualised as a concrete follow up to the previous conferences in 2010.

South Eastern Europe activities

Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (PCC)

DCAF hosts the permanent secretariat of the Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (PCC) at its regional office in Ljubljana. As part of its work implementing the PCC, DCAF has established fruitful cooperation with several EU agencies. Five EU Member States are Contracting Parties to the PCC alongside the Western Balkan states and Moldova. The Convention, which was originally designed to transfer EU standards and best practice to the region, has become an important instrument for security cooperation both inside the region and with the EU.

Border Security Programme

DCAF runs a multi-year Border Security Programme, which assists the governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia in creating efficient and effective border police structures and enhancing border security cooperation. The ultimate objective of the programme is to enable the participating countries to meet the EU's Integrated Border Management standards. Activities within the three main components of the Programme – EU Integration, Police Education and Training, and Common and Coordinated Operations – focus on transferring EU standards and best practice to the region and on enhancing practical cross-border police cooperation.

In January 2011, DCAF and FRONTEX formalised relations through an exchange of letters. Cooperation will be strengthened through increased information exchange as well as through designing and implementing joint modules and training activities.

Developing E-Learning Modules on Cross-Border Police Cooperation Tools for Police Education

The project, funded from the EU ISEC fund and led by DCAF Ljubljana, will enhance cross-border operational police education and training in the EU and wider, by developing E-Learning modules in three thematic areas of police cooperation – *Hot Pursuit, Mix Patrols, and Data and Information Exchange*. The project aims to strengthen cooperation and mutual understanding among police officers within the EU and to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge about different operational tools to non-EU countries and regions such as the Western Balkans. The project will engage a total of 18 experts from three co-beneficiaries of the project – Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania – as well as from CEPOL, EUROPOL and DCAF Ljubljana in the development of new study modules. The project will use the established CEPOL methodology for ICT learning.

DCAF Brussels

DCAF Brussels (ASBL) was established in 2005 to enhance cooperation with the European Union. The three principle objectives are: i) to promote SSR and SSG concepts with the Brussels community; ii) to establish DCAF's input into the development of EU policy in these areas; and iii) to provide research and advice on SSR/G to the European institutions.

i) DCAF Brussels manages an ongoing series of papers on Crisis Management. This range of papers began in 2011 and initially investigated crisis management in the EU institutions, in three papers in cooperation with ISIS Europe. The series now continues with other partners, in a broader spectrum of analysis - investigating global conceptualisations of crisis management and international responses to current crises and development of security systems and human security. www.dcaf.ch/Project/DCAF-Brussels

ii) Under a Swiss Cooperation Agreement, DCAF is supporting projects on migration, asylum and trafficking in Romania and Bulgaria, to harmonise with EU legislation in preparation for Schengen accession and to participate in input to EU strategies and policies.

iii) DCAF Brussels is a founding partner of the CSDP Mission Analysis Partnership (www.csdpmap.eu), a comprehensive platform with independent analysis and critique of EU CSDP and related SSR policies and activities. This platform is used by EU staff, policy makers, practitioners and independent stakeholders alike.

DCAF has also briefed committees of the European Parliament and produced commissioned papers on SSR.

Border security cooperation with the European Union Border Assistance Mission for Moldova and Ukraine

DCAF, mandated by the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, is working in close cooperation with the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) for Moldova and Ukraine in supporting capacity building for the Ministry and Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova.

Middle East and North Africa activities

In December 2012, the EU granted a two-year contribution to the DCAF country programme in the occupied Palestinian territory. The objective of the two-year project is to strengthen public oversight in the security sector through assisting three different target groups: i) Council of Ministers to develop legislation that is in line with international standards; ii) civil society organisations and assist them in strengthening their informal oversight role iii) strengthening financial oversight in the security sector targeting the relevant Palestinian institutions, such as the State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau.

DCAF/ISSAT activities

DCAF's International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) reinforces the international community's efforts to improve security and justice primarily in conflict-affected and fragile states.

Advisory Field Support

In 2011 DCAF/ISSAT was requested to provide support to the reference group for a review on the EC support within the justice sector, and to the reference group for the EC JSSR review.

In 2011/12 ISSAT provided support to the EU Delegation in Guinea Conakry on the feasibility and the relevance of the main components of the proposed EU support programme for SSR. In a follow on mandate in 2012 the EU requested ISSAT to oversee and coordinate the work of experts designing programmes for the EU in the fields of justice and police reform in Guinea Conakry.

In 2012 ISSAT provided support to the EUPOL COPPS / UNDP police accountability project in Ramallah, Palestinian Territories. This involved advising the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) on issues relating to oversight, concepts, and models of police accountability.

In 2012 the EU Court of Auditors requested assistance from ISSAT for their audit on the Rule of Law in Kosovo.

In 2013, ISSAT was requested to provide support for a study on the characteristics and needs of the security and justice sectors in the Latin American and Caribbean region. The study aims to inform EU programming for 2014-20.

Training

ISSAT was requested by Austria to assist in running SSR training courses in April 2010 and March 2012 at the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution. The SSR training course focused on EU SSR experiences, and included participants from the various EU candidate states, as well as EU member states. Further training is planned for 2013.

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