

# EU SSG FACILITY



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# Expert consortium to bolster the EU's support to partner countries' security sector governance and reform processes

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The EU SSG Facility, funded by the 'Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace' (IcSP), provides a unique service to all EU actors and partner countries engaged in security sector governance and reform (SSG/R) processes. It brings flexible and effective expertise to address emerging needs, analyse gaps, support strategic policy planning, and coordination of dialogue on SSG/R. Overall, it ensures that the EU's SSR principles adopted by the EU and its Member States in 2016 remain central to all processes and EU support programmes worldwide.

The Facility includes recognized experts with experience in the

security, defense, justice, and governance sector, supported by a solid team drawn from DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance and the other members of the consortium.

The EU SSG Facility covers the holistic dimension of SSG/R and can work in specific areas such as police, defense, and justice, as well as with oversight and accountability actors. It works at the politico-strategic level with the presidencies, relevant ministries, and parliaments, as well as at the more technical and operational levels with security forces, justice actors, and civil society organisations.

## MAIN SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

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Security and justice sector assessments.



Support to SSG/R programme design and monitoring frameworks.



Facilitation of SSR coordination matrices and EU logics of engagement in the security sector.



Policy and strategy advice to EU actors and partner countries on nationally-led SSG/R processes.

# Support for the implementation of the 2016 EU SSR Strategic Framework

Since the Lisbon Treaty came into force in 2009, the EU has evolved into a global leader in supporting partner countries in the area of security sector reform. The EU's support to SSR seeks to strengthen partner countries in their provision of effective and accountable security to women, men, girls and boys, underpinned by respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and the principle of good governance.

Through a wide range of cooperation instruments, specialized agencies and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions, and in coordination with support from its Member States, the EU's operational, strategic, and policy programmes strengthen key institutions, actors and processes across a broad range of issues. These include

supporting national security and SSR strategies; governance of the security sector; community security; democratic oversight and accountability; gender equality; formal, transitional, traditional and customary justice; police and penal reform; and defence. In 2016, EU Member States' endorsed a new EU-wide Strategic Framework to support security sector reform, signaling a strong collective will to achieve greater effectiveness and coherence in the EU's stabilizing and human security engagements in fragile and post-conflict settings, within a framework of good governance.

In all assignments carried out by the EU SSG Facility, those EU SSR principles remain central to the expertise provided and illustrate how they can be used and promoted for better results.



# The Consortium

The Consortium responsible for implementing the Facility comprises the DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance; the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA); and Expertise France.

These three organizations lead the international field of SSR support in developing innovative approaches, mapping and analysing emerging trends, and identifying and applying good practices in many security and justice sector contexts around the world. Each has extensive experience in assisting national actors, as well as the international community in its support for national SSR processes. By pooling their expertise, the three organizations can deliver bespoke services to all EU actors and instruments, and their counterpart governments and institutions in the field.

The African Security Sector Network (ASSN) and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael, are also associated to the Consortium in order to draw on their unique areas of expertise.

The Facility is jointly steered by the European Commission Foreign Policy Instrument, the European External Action Service, and the Facility's core team composed of its two key experts and supported by the backstopping team. This steering group ensures that all requests for assignments are treated in a structured and transparent manner and that deployed expertise best matches the needs and expectations of the Facility's beneficiaries, and meets the highest standards.

# Assignments

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**SINCE 2018, THE EU SSG FACILITY HAS IMPLEMENTED MORE THAN 25 ASSIGNMENTS IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND ASIA. FOR EXAMPLE:**

**Analysis of political opportunities and sectoral entry points to re-launch the EU-DRC security partnership.**

Recommendations to the EU Delegation were informed by a critical review of 15 years of EU experience in supporting the Congolese security sector and the identification of key conditions for the EU to design a successful programmatic approach for the short- to long-term.

**A strategic dialogue on improving Benin's approach to the new regional threats**

has begun between the national authorities and the EU Delegation. The Facility provided a strategic analysis of the on-going transformation of the security sector to counter the expansion of Sahel's extremist violence and facilitated a high-level seminary to identify new priorities that could be supported by the EU and its international partners.

**The EU SSR Matrix in Mali**

encompasses a joint analysis of the state of the security sector, a clear logic of EU engagement, and a structured action plan for European actors in Mali.

**The implementation of a new EU Security Sector Governance programme in Georgia,**

which embraces 36 institutional entities, has been facilitated by the Facility experts through several inter-active planning workshops to foster Georgian ownership and to identify the expected future outcomes and respective indicators for each component of the EU-funded programme.

**Advice on a new security plan for Jamaican citizens**

The Facility supported a joint taskforce composed of officials from the relevant ministries, Office of the National Security Advisor, and the Planning Institute of Jamaica to elaborate a new national Citizen Security Plan. The National Security Council subsequently approved the Plan in October 2019 and set up a citizens security secretariat in March 2021.

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