Iraq: EU extends advisory mission on security sector reform

The Council today extended the mandate of the **EU Advisory Mission in support** of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq) until 30 April 2022.

The mandate, which was due to expire on 17 April 2020, was prolonged following the **assessment of Iraqi needs**. The mission will continue to provide advice and expertise at strategic level on the implementation of civilian aspects of Iraq's security sector reform.

Moreover, EUAM Iraq will for the first time set up a **project cell for identifying and implementing projects**. The project cell will also play a key role in coordinating, facilitating and providing advice on projects implemented by EU member states and partner countries.

EUAM Iraq is based in Baghdad, and the mission's overarching task is to support coherent implementation of the civilian related aspects of **the Iraqi** National Security Strategy and the security sector reform. This process, supported by several international partners, involves support to institutional reform and efforts to help counter terrorism (including countering violent extremism) and organised crime, with specific reference to border management, financial crime in particular corruption, money laundering and trafficking of cultural heritage goods.

EUAM Iraq is mandated to advise officials of the Office of the National Security Adviser and the Ministry of Interior who are responsible for driving the reform. The mission also regularly conduct visits at regional and provincial levels in support of Iraqi efforts to strengthen countrywide coordination as it relates to civilian security sector reform.

The Mission was launched on 16 October 2017 following a request from the Government of Iraq for support.

EIOPA extends deadline for stakeholder group applications

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) is currently seeking applications for its two Stakeholder Groups, the Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group and the Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group.

In light of the challenges and difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic,

EIOPA has decided to extend the deadline for interested stakeholders to submit their application.

The new deadline for applications is now **Sunday**, **19 April 2020**, extended from 13 April.

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EIOPA publishes Opinion on the supervision of remuneration principles in the insurance and reinsurance sector

Today, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) has published an Opinion on the supervision of remuneration principles in the insurance and reinsurance sector.

The Opinion addresses how to ensure consistent practices in the application of the remuneration principles included in Solvency II.

While the Solvency II framework provides for provisions of remuneration for sound and prudent management, the remuneration principles defined in the Delegated Regulation are high-level and leave considerable discretion to undertakings and supervisory authorities.

This Opinion gives guidance to national supervisory authorities on how to challenge the application of certain principles.

To promote a proportionate approach, the Opinion focuses on those staff identified as potential higher profile risk-takers. In this way, EIOPA aims to avoid creating further administrative burden.

The Opinion supports the convergence of national supervisory practices and contribute to a smooth functioning of the internal market, in line with EIOPA's tasks to ensure an effective and consistent level of supervision in order to guarantee a similar level of protection for policyholders and beneficiaries at EU level.

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