



EUFOR : AN OVERVIEW



EUFOR

- Transfer of Authority : 2 December 2004
- 33 Troop Contributing Nations, including 22 EU
- C 6500 > 6000
- HQ in Sarajevo, 3x Task Forces, Integrated Police Unit
- 3rd post-war peace-keeping force in BiH



ESDP



- Completes EU family/toolkit. Crisis Management /technical assistance.
- Second ESDP mission in BiH. Third military mission worldwide
- General concept: global engagement, comprehensive approach, coherence and unity of effort
- EUFOR engagement with other players: EUSR/OHR, EUPM, EUMM, CAFAO, Commission and Embassies
- Solana: new, different and distinct



Differences



- **KMT to Support OHR's MIP**
- **KST to support the fight against organised crime**
- **Directly tied to OHR in way SFOR was not; also directly tied to EUSR through EU coordinating mechanisms**



RELATIONS WITH NATO



- Took over from SFOR
- Berlin + : chain of command, HQ, communications etc
- Similar tasks: Defence Reform, PIFWCs, CT
- But separate missions, separate mandates, coordination where overlap
- EUFOR is mandated peace-keeping force: Dayton and Chapter 7



Tasks



Tasks, operations and activities: visibility, credibility and robustness

- SASE, deterrence, reassurance: harvests, Stable Door, Sunburn
- Dayton compliance: inspection of weapons and ammunition storage sites, control of military movements etc
- Support for MIP and ICTY; Spring Cleans and individual operations; embolden local authorities; pressure on criminal and PIFWC networks; help change attitudes



Instability



Military assessment: Potential causes of Instability

- Dominance and divisiveness of mono-ethnic politics
- Fragile economy and low FDI
- Regional Situation
- Weapons
- OCC: obstacle to progress towards self-sustainability and EU
- Overall: risks to security low; but EUFOR necessary security blanket and facilitator to progress in right direction



Developments



Political Assessment and Developments

- SAA negotiations, 25 November: police restructuring
- Defence Reform and PfP
- ICTY cooperation
- Capacity building: development of fledgling state institutions
- Dayton dysfunctionality: nationalism: 2006 elections
- Search for functionality: USIP, Brussels and Washington



EUFOR



- Insurance policy, allowing adjustments elsewhere
- LOTs: outreach: increasingly important as others draw down
- Directly affected by police and defence reform
- EUFOR as a test bed: subject of internal and external scrutiny



EUFOR SUCCESSES



- Seamless transition from SFOR- also a tribute to NATO
- Fulfillment of main tasks: reassurance and deterrence
- Proof that Berlin+ works on the ground
- Early demonstration of robust presence; publicity and Stable Door
- Winning supportive press and public
- Close relations with local authorities: Terzic, Radovanovic, Colak
- Helping develop capacities of local law enforcement agencies, and creating conditions for them to fight organised crime more effectively:



CHALLENGES



- Build on successes: preserve visibility
- Overcome internal disruptions: rotations, caveats, language
- Demonstrate EU can conduct a large military continuing basis, and that ESDP can function without lead nation
- Preserve reputation for fairness and objectivity in country of 2 entities and 3 ethnicities
- Remain part of the solution not problem: avoid dependency/ substitution



WAY FORWARD



- 1st SMR
- 7 principles and guidelines; EUPM 2; EUSR- First step to adjust EU coordination in fight against organised crime: unique example of ESDP collaboration
- 2nd SMR: no change to KMTs; 13 manoeuvre companies; continue KSTs on defence reform, PIFWCs and CT, but begin to reduce involvement in fight against organised crime- 2nd in adjustment of EU roles



END STATE



- Not end date; event not time driven
- Military and stabilisation tasks accomplished
- Democratically controlled BiH security structures in place and able to maintain lasting stability
- MIP no longer needs military support
- BiH making progress towards EU integration by own efforts
- International peace keeping force no longer judged necessary