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News Release: DCAF, FBA and JCI to boost EU support for international Security Sector Governance and Reform work

The European Commission has selected a three-strong consortium of expert organizations – DCAF, FBA and JCI – to underpin the EU's support for security sector governance and reform processes in partner countries. The move is an important, concrete step towards implementing the 2016 EU strategic framework to support SSR.

The consortium will assist the EU in providing rapid, flexible and effective expertise in countries where there is an ongoing reform or transformation process of the security sector or where there are identified needs for specialized expertise.

This new facility is called the European Union Security Sector Governance Facility (EU SSG Facility) and consists of consortium members at the forefront of the international security sector governance and reform (SSG/R) field, namely:

- The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces ([DCAF](#)), an international foundation dedicated to improving the security of people and states within a framework of democratic governance, the rule of law and respect for human rights;
- Folke Bernadotte Academy ([FBA](#)), the Swedish government agency for peace, security and development;
- Justice Coopération Internationale ([JCI](#)), the French Ministry of Justice's implementing agency, which leads technical judicial cooperation projects around the world.

The consortium will also draw support from, the African Security Sector Network ([ASSN](#)) and [Clingendael](#), the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, who will provide additional specialist knowledge.

Through its expertise and experience, and access to a large pool of internationally recognized experts, the consortium will deliver advisory and technical services to EU actors and tools that support partner governments and institutions involved in SSG/R projects in the field. The services will include:

- development of security sector assessments,
- design of frameworks for national security policy planning,

- training and coaching of state and non-state actors in oversight functions,
- advising on gender and human rights mainstreaming in SSR processes.

Ambassador Thomas Guerber, Director of DCAF, said: *'Supporting partner countries to transform their security systems is a declared EU priority. This effort is key to improving the governance of these countries and to helping them prevent and manage crises effectively. We are honoured to be able to support the EU in these efforts by delivering the EU SSG Facility, which will be a bespoke new tool to respond flexibly and rapidly to needs on the ground.'*

Background

European Union support to partner countries in security sector governance and reform focuses on strengthening key institutions, actors and processes. These include community security, democratic oversight and accountability, transitional, traditional and customary justice, police and penal reform and defence. The support strives to create more effective and accountable security sectors that operate as a public good, underpinned by respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and the principles of good governance.

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