

# The European Union Military Staff (EUMS)



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**Summary:** The EUMS is (in contrast to the MPCC) the *non-operational* military staff. A review of its directorate structures reveals it, in broad brush strokes, to be a military HQ (divided on traditional staff lines) pretending to be a Brussels DG, under the direct authority of the EU High Representative. Its head is a three star.

**At stake:** It is already becoming a strategic HQ in all but name, whose activities risk bypassing direct member state controls by presenting staffing *faits accomplis*.

**What they say:** “We strengthen the diplomatic leverage of the EU, because together with Member States we ensure that the EU can act militarily” - EUMS website

**Exposure:** The EUMS reportedly has around 250 staff. The current and anticipated UK proportion is unknown.

**Action needed:** MPs to verify current UK personnel numbers and in which staff branches they are; then push to withdraw posts in order to avoid duplication and undermining parallel planning structures at NATO.



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