EUFOR May-June 2025 FORUM European Union Force in BiH

In this edition:

Wind a set of

AND AR

MED

New Chief of Staff at Camp Butmir

Pages 4-5

Pages 9-12

EXERCISE COMBINED RESPONSE 2025 08-13 JUNE 2025

ORCES OF BIH

ZEGOVINA

#145



Operation Commander visits Camp Butmir

The Operational Commander of EUFOR Althea, Lt Gen Hubert Cottereau, was warmly welcomed by COM EUFOR, Maj Gen Florin Barbu.



International Medal Parade

An international medal parade was held in the presence of H.E. Luigi Soreca and along with ambassadors from EU countries in BiH.



Hungarian Infantry Day

This great day was marked through a highly competitive and robust military skills competition that tested all participants to their limits and beyond.



Urban Kids Festival 2025

On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, EUFOR personnel in conjunction with the Armed Forces of BiH participated in the Urban Kids Festival in Skenderija Hall in Sarajevo.

Commander EUFOR Major General Florin-Marian Barbu

EUFOR Public Affairs Chief Lieutenant Colonel Dorin Chirca

Forum Magazine Staff

Editor in chief Captain Alan Patrick Rigney

> Layout Jasmin Zeherović

Photographs contributed by Sgt 1st Class Constantin Marian Balasescu Mustafa Čomor, Jasmin Zeherović

> We also thank EUFOR Multinational Battalion

Printed by Reprographics & Courier Service (HQ EUFOR)

Editor in Chief



Captain Alan Patrick Rigney

Dear readers of EUFOR Forum Magazine!

I am delighted to publish this edition of EUFOR FORUM as editor in Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome from all in the PAO to our new Assistant Spokesperson and Video Production Assistant and wish them all the best in their new appointments.

The last few months were very busy for

EUFOR and especially the Public Affairs Office. A lot of important events including TOA of COS EUFOR, Exercise Combined Response 25 and numerous high level visits with COM EUFOR in Camp Butmir which included visits from the president of the European Council Mr. Antonio Costa and visit of EUFOR Operational Commander Lt Gen Hubert Cottereau.

In edition #145 you will find information about our new COS, Exercise Combined Response 25, Joint Training with the AF BiH and EUFOR's ongoing Community Engagement.

I want to thank all branches who supported our efforts on media activities during this period for EUFOR Op Althea. EUFOR Forum is about the soldiers and personnel of EUFOR. It is a chronicle of memories of your time spent in BiH as part of Operation Althea. So as always, we invite you to share your experiences and have those experiences recorded in print and shared digitally. Please contact Euforpio@eufor.europa.eu if you have anything that you would like covered or have an article or photograph you would like to share.

The Forum Magazine is produced by HQ EUFOR. It is fully funded by EUFOR, and authorised and published for EUFOR in the area of responsibility.

All stories are written by the Public Affairs Office unless stated otherwise.

The Forum Magazine welcomes submissions via e-mail to: EuforPIO@eufor.europa.eu For deadline information phone +387 (0)33 495216; IPN 5216.

Digital photographs should be submitted in JPG format with a minimum resolution of 200 dpi.

The Forum Magazine does not normally return materials and will assume no liability for material submitted.

The contents are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the coalition governments' defence departments.



Follow us on Social Media



Italian & North Macedonian Troops Join the Multinational Battalion!

After successfully completing a challenging integration exercise, troops from Italy and North Macedonia have officially joined EUFOR's Multinational Battalion!

Training for Excellence! The newest members adapted to common procedures and enhanced cooperation among the international contingents of EUFOR.

On this special occasion, several soldiers received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding performance during #CombinedResponse25 and their dedicated service within the Force.



Soldiers of the Multinational Battalion within the EUFOR Althea operation in BiH conducted live-fire exercises with the Piranha III C armored personnel carrier and the URO VAMTAC armored vehicle at the Pazaric training range, Sarajevo.



COM EUFOR Major General Florin Marian Barbu, COS EUFOR Brigadier General Tibor SZABÓ, and DCOM NATO Bosnia and Herzegovina Colonel Muharrem Aydin had the pleasure of welcoming a delegation of parliamentary representatives from the Nordic and Baltic countries.



Multinational Battalion in action

Multiple competitions between #EUFOR soldiers on the occasion of Romanian #InfantryDay.

All participants were winners, and they all deserve our #respect.

#StrongerTogether #TogetherForBiH #BiH #EUFORBiH #EUFORYou

EUFOR Announces Appointment of New Chief of Staff at Camp Butmir



On Thursday 15th May in Camp Butmir, EUFOR officially appointed Brigadier General Tibor Szabo of the Hungarian Armed Forces as the new Chief of Staff (COS) of EUFOR. With a distinguished record of service in numerous international operations, Brigadier General Szabo now joins the EUFOR Command Group alongside

COM EUFOR Major General Florin Marian Barbu and DCOM EUFOR Brigadier General Uberto Incisa di Camerana.

He assumes the responsibilities previously held by Brigadier General Herbert Sailer of the Austrian Armed Forces.



In his address, COM EUFOR Major General Barbu expressed gratitude to Brigadier General Sailer for his extraordinary dedication, clarity of purpose, and exceptional leadership: "Brigadier General Sailer, I want to personally thank you not only for your outstanding tour of mission but also for the camaraderie and trust you have shown throughout your time here. Your way of doing things leaves a lasting legacy that will be remembered long beyond your departure."

Barbu General also Major warmly welcomed Brigadier General Szabo to his new role, emphasizing his vast experience and the importance of his position within EUFOR's leadership team: "Brigadier General Szabo, you have my full trust and confidence, and I know the entire EUFOR team stands ready to support you as we continue our work in Bosnia and Herzegovina — with unity, clarity, and shared purpose."

In his farewell speech, Brigadier General Sailer thanked the FUFOR leadership team and staff for their support. He expressed his gratitude to the Operation Commander for his guidance, stating: "Now at the end of my tour, I do believe that I managed to carry out the promise I made a year ago, to continue the work started by my predecessor implement the intent and provided by Lieutenant General Cottereau, the Operation ALTHEA commander, and by EUFOR commanders. Today the European Union Force is better, more focused, and more ready than ever to continue implementing its role, mandate, and mission to support the local authorities in maintaining a safe and secure environment."

The incoming Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Szabo, expressed his honor and gratitude for his new appointment. He also thanked Brigadier General Sailer and his team for their support.



Addressing his new responsibilities, he stated: "It is both a great personal and professional honor to assume the position of Chief of Staff in EUFOR ALTHEA. This mission represents not only the European Union's ongoing commitment to the peace and stability of Bosnia and Herzegovina but also the collective responsibility we share for safeguarding security on the European continent. I am sincerely committed to cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina's Armed Forces and I look forward to working closely with them. Through cooperation, we will show what partnership can achieve - and I am committed to contributing to this shared success."

5

The establishment of the Chief of Staff position reinforces EUFOR's commitment to enhancing its operational capabilities in support of Bosnia and Herzegovina. EUFOR remains a steadfast, capable, and reliable partner in maintaining a safe and secure environment for all the people of BiH.



President of the European Council Visits EUFOR

On Tuesday 13th May at Camp Butmir, COM EUFOR Major General Florin Marian Barbu and HE Luigi Soreca, Head of the EU Delegation and EU Special Representative in BiH, warmly welcomed Mr. Antonio Costa, President of the European Council.

In the presence of Brigadier General Matthew A. Valas, Commander of NATO Headquarters Sarajevo and the EUFOR command team, President Costa addressed the troops and expressed his pleasure in meeting EUFOR soldiers.

The President of European Council underscored the EUFOR mission is a key part of the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy and through its presence, the EU is showing that it can act together to protect peace, promote cooperation, and support its shared values.

6



We want to see Bosnia and Herzegovina to move "from Dayton to Brussels". From post war recovery to full European integration Bosnia and Herzegovina is a European country with a European future. And your mission is helping to keep that door open. But the path to the EU should not be taken for granted. It requires leadership. It requires responsibility. It requires unity. Political leaders in BiH have a crucial role to play in protecting peace and security. They have a duty to defend the country's constitutional order, uphold the rule of law and protect citizens' interests.

Mr. Antonio Costa, President of the European Council



Operation Commander for EUFOR Althea visits Camp Butmir



The Operational Commander of EUFOR ALTHEA, Lieutenant General Hubert Cottereau, was warmly welcomed by COM EUFOR, Major General Florin Barbu, during his visit to Camp Butmir.

In the presence of the Commander of NATO HQ Sarajevo, Brigadier General Matthew Valas; DCOM EUFOR, Brigadier General Uberto Incisa di Camerana; COS EUFOR, Brigadier General Tibor Szabó; and EUFOR HQ staff, Lieutenant General Cottereau addressed the troops, expressing his heartfelt gratitude to them and their nations for their unwavering dedication to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all children and families in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During his visit, the Operational Commander reaffirmed his full trust and support in COM EUFOR, Major General Barbu, and the entire command team.





STRONGER TOGETHER

Joint Training Between EUFOR and the Armed Forces of BiH





Throughout May 2025 EUFOR soldiers from the Multinational Battalion continued to conduct combined military training with the Armed forces of BiH. This included Urban Terrain training and the introduction of the UAV system.

8

The Greek company from the Multinational Battalion, together with BiH soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Battalion at Adil Bešić Barracks, part of the 6th Brigade of the AFBiH, engaged in intensive training to enhance military tactics and improve their understanding of battlefield operations.

Through continuous joint training, they are enhancing familiarity with the technology used in operational support missions. EUFOR remains a strong and

reconnaissance, surveillance, and

reliable partner, supporting the Armed Forces of BiH in their advancement through collective and combined training.





Combined Response 25 Enhanced International Military Cooperation



EUFOR and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH) have officially kicked off the "Combined Response 25" exercise at Manjača.

From 09th to 13th June 2025, EUFOR and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH) jointly conducted exercise "Combined Response 25" in Manjača region.

This five-day training activity focused on enhancing interoperability, strenghtening cooperation, and increasing operational readiness among participating forces. "Combined Response 25" offered valuable opportunities for shared learning coordination in diverse security tasks, and building trust between EUFOR, Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and local communities.

The success of the exercise reflects the ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Sharpening Command Post Procedures



Day 2 of Combined Response 25 kicked off with EUFOR and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH) sharpening their command post procedures.

Joint forces tackled various incidents, proving their interoperability and readiness in action. From crowd and riot control to establishing temporary checkpoints and escaping ambushes, EUFOR and AFBiH forces stood strong—with air support from AFBiH, securing operational success!

Military vehicles, helicopters, and drones played a key role in reconnaissance and clearing operations, showcasing precision, professionalism, and experience at the highest level.

More than just a training exercise, this was a chance to demonstrate trust, mutual support, and shared commitment to keeping Bosnia and Herzegovina safe. The experience also reinforced the importance of continuous joint training in building strong coordinated responses to real world challenges.





Strengthening Skills Through Dynamic Joint Operations



Military vehicles, helicopters, and drones played a crucial role in securing terrain and gathering intelligence, while the Joint Aviation Detachment of EUFOR and AF BiH — featuring helicopters from both EUFOR and AFBiH — carried out Tactical Air Transport and Medevac missions for the first time together, showing how effective cooperation in the air can save lives on the ground.

The EOD teams also worked side by side, responding swiftly to simulated threats and proving once again that technical expertise and trust in your teammates are key to mission success.







STRONGER TOGETHER

Combined Response 25 Distinguished Visitors Day



Ľ

A major highlight of the week was the Distinguished Visitors Day, held on 12th June.

It was a proud moment to welcome military leaders and guests, including COM EUFOR Major General Florin Marian Barbu, COM NATO HQ Sarajevo Brigadier General Matthew A. Valas, COS EUFOR Brigadier General Tibor Szabó, and Lieutenant General Gojko Knežević, Chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of BiH. Together, they observed a dynamic display of joint capabilities, after a briefing at the Battalion Command Post and a field inspection of the training area.

Combined Response 25 ended with a formal closing parade and well-deserved commendations to all those involved in planning and executing this important exercise.

Combined Response 25 was not just about military skills, but about unity, trust, and the shared goal of a secure and stable Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This exercise shows one more time that we are truly STRONGER TOGETHER

To everyone who contributed — congratulations, well done and thank you.





New Romanian Rotation at the Aviation Detachment





On Tuesday 20th May 2025 the Dacian Pumas – Rotation 1 completed their final mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, officially handing over tactical air transport and medical evacuation duties to Dacian Pumas – Rotation 2 in a solemn ceremony.

The Romanian Aviation Detachment comprises of a complex team of aviation and medical professionals who considerably enhance the mission capability of EUFOR OP Althea. In order to additionally support the EUFOR Althea mission, the Romanian Armed Forces have deployed, starting on January 8th with the "Dacian Pumas" detachment, consisting of approximately 100 soldiers and four IAR-330 helicopters, which perform transport, research and medical evacuation missions. COM EUFOR, Major General Florin Marian Barbu, thanked the outgoing team and Colonel Răzvan Roșca for their dedication over the past four months. He also warmly welcomed Colonel George Diveică and the new Romanian team, expressing confidence in their continued commitment.

13

On behalf of all EUFOR personnel, we would like to thank Dacian Pumas I for their valuable contribution to the mission and wish them safe travels home. To Dacian Pumas II, we trust in your skills and dedication and look forward to working closely with you through your deployment.



International Medal Parade





14







An international medal parade was held at Camp Butmir on 08th May 2025 in the presence of H.E. Luigi Soreca, Head of the EU Delegation & EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and along with ambassadors from EU countries in BiH. 450 personnel from 13 nations received the European Union Common Security and Defence Policy Medal for Operation Althea in recognition of their service.

This medal is awarded in recognition of their service with the European Union Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina under the mandate of UNSCR 2757 which was adopted on 01st November 2024.

The medal is draped from an EU blue ribbon with either a wide gold or silver centre stripe, the twelve five pointed stars around the outside edge of the medal represent the EU. The reverse of the medal contains the Latin phrase "Pro Pace Unum' meaning 'United for Peace'.

Congratulations and well done to all medal recipients on receiving their medals, it is a proud day and major milestone during every EUFOR soldier's deployment.



Visit to Mostar University

On 28th May, the EUFOR communication team delivered a presentation and engaged with the students of "Džemal Bijedić" University. During the session, students gained deeper insights into the mission and operations of EUFOR Operation Althea in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Following the presentation, students had the opportunity to ask questions and received thoughtful responses from the EUFOR communication team.

We would like to extend our special thanks to all

participating students, Prof. Dr. Amra Jašarbegović, Dean of the Faculty of Law at "Džemal Bijedić" University in Mostar, and Prof. Dijana Gupta, from the Faculty of Humanities at the same university, as well as President of the Atlantic Council NGO.

The EUFOR communication team will continue organizing these types of activities with BiH universities and schools. The dialogue, interaction and feedback from students and lecturers is extremely valuable to EUFOR.



Italian National Day





On 02nd June 2025 the Italian military contingent in EUFOR Althea proudly celebrated its National day, commemorating the birth of the Italian Republic. It was a day to reflect on Italian history, to honor the sacrifices made, and to reaffirm the values that define Italy as a Nation.

It was an occasion to embrace legacy, showing the love and connection for the homeland, rich of culture, arts and breathtaking beauty.

Within EUFOR Althea mission, we support our Italian comrades in fostering strong bonds of unity and peace, cherishing our friendship with those Countries who recognize that by working together we can build a more harmonious and prosperous future for everyone.

To all Italians in Bosnia and Herzegovina: happy National day and thank you for celebrating such important recurrence with all of us.

Hungarian Infantry Day



On 25th June, EUFOR personnel of Operation Althea in BiH celebrated the occasion of Hungary's Infantry day with our Hungarian colleagues. This great day was marked through a highly competitive and robust military skills competition that tested all participants to their limits and beyond.

The competition incorporated Tug of War, Military Obstacle course, Ammunition resupply runs and Military vehicle pushes.

EUFOR Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Tibor Szabó conducted the award ceremony. During the ceremony, Brigadier General Tibor Szabó thanked and congratulated all participants, emphasizing the importance of such activities that bring EUFOR personnel together and make us stronger as one.

Congratulations to all participants and well done to the organizers of the event. In a multinational environment, we are all winners — through collaboration, mutual respect, and camaraderie among nations we are Stronger Together.

On behalf of all EUFOR personnel, we wish our Hungarian comrades a very happy Infantry Day and thank you for sharing it with us.



Visit of European Peace Facility Committee



COM EUFOR, Major General Florin Marian Barbu, along with DCOM EUFOR, Brigadier General Uberto Incisa di Camerana, and COS EUFOR, Brigadier General Tibor Szabó, had the pleasure of welcoming the distinguished members of the European Peace Facility committee (EPF) to Camp Butmir on 05th June 2025.

The distinguished visitors received a briefing on European Union Operation Althea and the vital role of EUFOR in supporting BiH institutions to ensure a safe and secure environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As part of the briefing and visit, the EUFOR Multinational Battalion organized an impressive dynamic display, demonstrating their capability, professionalism and readiness.





Exercise PANDORA 25 – EUFOR HQ is Steadfast & Ready



From 16th to 20th June at Camp Butmir, EUFOR HQ personnel tackled Command Post Exercise PANDORA 25, pushing their limits in a complex scenario designed to strengthen operational capabilities and test the HQ Military Decision-Making Process.

EUFOR HQ staff demonstrated their ability to respond swiftly and effectively to diverse situations, proving their readiness to achieve mission objectives. With highly trained troops from 24 nations, Exercise PANDORA 25 highlighted EUFOR's collaboration, resilience, and unwavering commitment to a safe and secure Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Well done to all the HQ staff involved in the planning and execution of the exercise and equally to all the personnel who participated as the training audience. Together we are stronger and by completing continuous professional training like Ex PANDORA 25 we ensure EUFOR personnel are always mission ready.

World Blood Donor Day

Every year on June 14th, the world marks World Blood Donor day. A global tribute to the millions of voluntary, unpaid blood donors who give others a second chance at life through the donation of precious blood. Their generosity saves lives, strengthens communities, and embodies the spirit of solidarity. It is a day to say thank you and to highlight the ongoing, urgent need for safe, regular blood donations all over the world.

18

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, soldiers from the EUFOR Aviation Detachment visited the



Institute of Transfusion Medicine in BiH to donate blood for BiH citizens in need. This is potentially the ultimate gift of life and we hope that the blood donated by EUFOR personnel will help save as many lives as possible. International days like World Blood Donor day highlight the ongoing requirement for the donation of safe blood all over the world.

Well done to all EUFOR personnel who donated blood on the day, through giving blood you have given hope to someone in need.

Together we are saving lives.

EUFOR Personnel Complete the Sarajevo Marathon

On a beautiful Sunday in May, our EUFOR military and civilian personnel took part in the Sarajevo Marathon, an extremely tough run with some difficult terrain However, the EUFOR participants showed that determination and teamwork can carry you all the way as they proudly crossed the finish line. Impressively, EUFOR's Aviation Detachment



team displayed strong solidarity and teamwork by running side by side throughout the entire race.

Participants were treated to a route that highlighted some of the most beautiful locations that Sarajevo has to offer. The start of the marathon race (42k) was from the Vilson's Promenade and continued along the main city road in the direction of Marijin dvor - Pofalići - Dolac malta Otoka - Alipašin most
Stup - Vrelo Bosne Velika aleja – Hrasnica
Vojkovići – Kotorac
Lukavica – Dobrinja
Mojmilo – Švrakino selo – Hrasno – before finishing at the Vilson's Promenade

The EUFOR team extends heartfelt thanks to the organizers for making this fantastic event possible.

It's not just the race—it's the experience that brings true joy. Supported by NATO Headquarters Sarajevo, the Sarajevo Marathon 2025 united runners from around the world.

Congratulations to all the participants—you are all true winners!

EUFOR Soldier Wins the 21Km Race at Sarajevo Marathon 2025

OR-7 Charalampos Voulkos, from the Greek Company in the Multinational Battalion crossed the finish line in the Sarajevo Half Marathon in a highly impressive time of 1 hour 12 minutes 32 seconds. Despite his demanding schedule with the Multinational Battalion, Charalampos displayed resilience areat desire, and discipline as he triumphed in the 21Km race. Charalampos is a highly motivated and committed athlete. this was evident as he expressed disappointment at not achieving a better time.

OR-7 Charalampos Voulkos was born in Soufli, Evros, Greece. He has been an active runner since 2014, however his passion for running ignited in 2009, when he quit smoking and embraced a healthier lifestyle.



His achievements to date highlight the exceptional athlete that he has become: • 2nd place at the Athens Military Marathon (2016)

• 9th place in the Authentic Athens Marathon (2022)

Personal Bests:

- 5 km (Run Greece Alexandroupolis): 15:55
- 10 km (Greek National Track Championship, 2023): 32:40, 15th place
- Half Marathon (Bucharest, 2024): 1:10:25

• Authentic Athens Marathon (2022): 2:32:22 The EUFOR team extends its heartfelt thanks to the organizers for making this fantastic event possible. Supported by NATO Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sarajevo Marathon 2025 brought together runners from all over the world. Congratulations to our champion and to all participants, because every runner is a winner!

Urban Kids Festival 2025 in Skenderija Hall, Sarajevo



On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, EUFOR personnel in conjunction with the Armed Forces of BiH participated in the Urban Kids Festival in Skenderija Hall in Sarajevo. EUFOR provided an interactive display on both days encompassing EOD teams with their dogs, Medical teams teaching children essential first aid skills, Military vehicles from Romania and Greece and a general display of military equipment and EUFOR capability.

In addition, there was some very fun games and interactive experiences provided to the children by both the EUFOR PAO team who were supported by MnBN personnel. To make the experience memorable for all in attendance, EUFOR provided the service of a photo booth that facilitated parents and children to snap some fun photos and make memories.

After two active days and thousands of visitors at Skenderija Hall in Sarajevo, EUFOR extends special thanks to our esteemed guests and to the Armed Forces of BiH for their contribution and partnership. We truly enjoyed coming together with the Armed Forces of BiH to welcome and engage with the children of BiH who visited us over the weekend.

Special thanks also go to our colleagues from the Multinational Battalion, EOD and the medical team for making our participation as spectacular as it was. We deeply value these kinds of engagements and promise to surprise you in the near future with similar initiatives.





International Children's Day at Camp Butmir

To mark International Children's Day, EUFOR personnel organized a special event for the children who visited Camp Butmir on 01st June 2025.

Our young guests had the opportunity to meet and play with our soldiers, explore the static displays, and enjoy engaging demonstrations from our Aviation Detachment, Multinational Battalion, and Medical Team.

Surprises throughout the day made the experience even more memorable for the children who were present. Children are our most precious treasure and deserve the very best in the world — starting with love and safety.

This activity continued EUFOR's ongoing community engagement with the local population, especially the children who are the future of BiH.

Children's Day is a commemorative date celebrated annually in honour of children, whose date of observance varies by country. In 1925, International Children's Day was first proclaimed in Geneva during the World Conference on Child Welfare. Since 1950, it is celebrated on 01st June in many countries.







EUFOR BRANCHES

EUFOR Welcomes New Employees to the STRATCOM/PAO Branch



During the month of June 2025, EUFOR STRATCOM branch warmly welcomed two new civilian employees to the PAO team. The two new civilian employees will hold the important appointments of Assistant Spokesperson and Video production Assistant. On behalf of all EUFOR personnel, we warmly welcome Ms. Erma Dudo and Mr. Dževad Arnautović to the EUFOR team and look forward to working alongside them in the future.

22

Please meet the New Assistant Spokesperson

Dear readers of EUFOR FORUM, firstly allow me to introduce myself

and share a few words about who I am, so you can get a clearer picture of the person who joined the EUFOR PAO in June of this year as Assistant Spokesperson.

My name is Erma Dudo, and I was born in the eastern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Due to the 1992-1995 war, my family relocated to Sarajevo where I have lived since. I completed both my primary and

secondary education in Sarajevo and later earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo. I am married and proud mother of two.

Uniform and Journalism have always been my greatest passions professionally, so it was only natural that I chose a path that combine both. In 2010, after completing my first year of university, I also finished basic military training and began serving as a professional solider in the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AF BiH). I held

After completing my first year of university, I also finished basic military training and began serving as a professional solider in the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. that position up until 2020 where I then transitioned to the civilian appointment of Public Affairs Associate within the AF BiH.

At that point, I was given the opportunity to work as a Public Affairs Associate in Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC) promoting both PSOTC and AF BiH trough my work and lecturing on different media related topics. During this period, I completed many public affairs and media courses. After five years as a public affairs associate in PSOTC, I decided to apply for the position of EUFOR Spokesperson Assistant as I saw it as an excellent opportunity to bring the EUFOR Op Althea mission and the importance of EUFOR presence closer to the people of this beautiful country.

Additionally, working in а multicultural environment with colleagues from various nations seemed both exciting and challenging-and I am someone who thrives on challenges. I firmly believe that my experience and knowledge, gained trough years of service and training both in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad, can contribute meaningfully to EUFOR's already successful Op Althea mission.

I am excited to work alongside all of you and truly happy to be part of this team because we are STRONGER TOGETHER.

Please meet the New Video Production Assistant

Dear readers of the EUFOR Forum allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dževad Arnautović and I was born in Sarajevo in 1987, where I have lived since. I have completed all of my formal education in Sarajevo while also graduating from the High School



of applied arts and at the Visual Arts department at International University of Sarajevo. I am happily married and proud father of two kids. Fun fact about me is that I am actively training Brazilian jiu jitsu for last 6 years, before that I was involved in Mixed Martial Arts.

I am a media professional with over a decade of experience in video production, editing, and content development. My background includes working with several prominent regional and international media outlets, including N1 Television, TRT World and Radio Free Europe, where I was involved in producing news features, documentaries and social media content.

I briefly had the opportunity to work with Military personnel in the past, which I thoroughly enjoyed but left me with a desire to continue it.

Dževad Arnautović

Those roles have allowed me to work in dvnamic, deadline-driven environments and develop a strong sense for visual storytelling, technical precision and team collaboration. Throughout my career I have contributed to a wide range of projects, from field reporting and camera operations to post production and digital distribution. I like to say that my skill set includes both creative and technical aspect of media work, with a focus on delivering hiah quality visual content that serves a clear communicative purpose.

Since commencing my professional career I have wanted to work with military personnel, I briefly had the opportunity to work with Military personnel in the past, which I thoroughly

enjoyed but left me with a desire to continue it. The logical path for me was to apply for this position when it was advertised, the opportunity to work in a multinational mission like EUFOR could not be missed. In early June, I was selected and now I have joined the EUFOR team as a video production assistant with the aim of supporting all communication and visual documentation through professional, mission-aligned media production.

I have to say that for me It is an honor to contribute to a mission of this scale and importance, on the other hand I am thankful for this opportunity because I will have a

> chance through my work to bring this mission closer to the citizens of my homeland, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I look forward to collaborating with both civilian and military colleagues in achieving shared goals and being STRONGER TOGETHER.



EUFOR Personnel Complete the Sarajevo Marathon

On a beautiful Sunday in May, our EUFOR military and civilian personnel took part in the Sarajevo Marathon, an extremely tough run with some difficult terrain. However, the EUFOR participants showed that determination and teamwork can carry you all the way as they proudly crossed the finish line. Impressively, EUFOR's Aviation Detachment team displayed strong solidarity and teamwork by running side by side throughout the entire race.

It's not just the race—it's the experience that brings true joy. Supported by NATO Headquarters Sarajevo, the Sarajevo Marathon 2025 united runners from around the world.