

EUSR Afghanistan

The EU is permanently represented in Afghanistan through its EU Special Representative (EUSR), who also serves as the head of the EU delegation in Kabul – a post held since April 2010 by Vygaudas Ušackas of Lithuania.

The EUSR is mandated to support the development of Afghan institutions and maintain close contact with the government, the parliament and other relevant local Afghan authorities as well as other international stakeholders including the Senior Civilian Representative of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN – the latter with a particular emphasis on contributing to better coordinated international assistance.

He also monitors and advises on progress on a broad set of issues, including security sector reform, civilian capacity building, humanitarian rights, good governance and the establishment of institutions of the rule of law, in particular an independent judiciary and electoral reform. The EUSR further provides political guidance to the head of the EU Policing Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL), on efforts aiming to counter organized crime and trafficking as well as on anti-corruptions measures and border control issues.