

## Mission



EUROMIL promotes the human rights, fundamental freedoms and socio-professional interests of military personnel in Europe.

EUROMIL's member associations and unions are committed to the principle of the Citizen in Uniform. A soldier has the same rights and obligations as any other citizen. A serviceman, who is to protect and defend the rights and freedoms of his fellow citizens and the constitutional order of his country, must be entitled to enjoy and perceive the same democratic rights and freedoms.

This requires certain states to lift all existing restrictions on civil and social rights of soldiers which do not inevitably result from the military assignment.



EUROMIL emphasises particularly the right of servicemen and -women to join trade unions and independent staff associations. Soldiers are highly skilled employees who have the legitimate right to promote their social and professional interests like other workers do. Decade-long experience in many countries has shown that military associations are reliable partners of the defence administration. Military associations fully respect the chain of command and do not condone insubordination within armed forces.



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## About EUROMIL



Founded in 1972, the European Organisation of Military Associations is the umbrella organisation of 34 military associations and trade unions in Europe.

Together EUROMIL's member associations promote the social and professional interests of about 500.000 Europeans in 24 countries, soldiers of all ranks and their close relatives.

EUROMIL is today, 35 years after its foundation, the main Europe-wide forum for the cooperation and exchange of experiences among professional military associations on issues of common concern. Funded exclusively by membership fees, EUROMIL keeps to strict non-denominational and politically independent policies.



EUROMIL has participatory status at the Council of Europe and observer status at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. It upholds contacts with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe and is an accredited lobbyist at the European Parliament and Commission. EUROMIL has a co-operation agreement with the European Trade Union Confederation since 1998.

## EUROMIL activities

- EUROMIL advocates the right of European soldiers to form and join professional associations or trade unions.
- EUROMIL is for its member associations a common forum to exchange information, to formulate guidelines and to identify best practice on social matters of military personnel.
- EUROMIL supports member associations in their national lobbying work whenever it is asked to do so.
- EUROMIL promotes the inclusion of professional military associations and trade unions into a regular social dialogue.
- EUROMIL supports the inclusion of military personnel into the social legislation of the European Union.
- The increasing demand to participate in difficult missions and international units puts a growing strain on soldiers. This necessitates states to maintain the highest social standards for all European soldiers. To that purpose EUROMIL follows closely the development of NATO and the EU to provide its member associations with updated information on international developments in the field of security and defence.



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