

CONSOLIDATING THE PRESENCE OF THE LEBANESE STATE SOUTH OF LITANI RIVER



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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this EU-funded project is to improve the stability and security of Lebanon, by strengthening the capabilities of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) to deploy in the south of the country. More specifically, the project aims to provide the LAF with an operational headquarters in the village of Srebbine (South Lebanon) to house the basic components of the Model Regiment, a new infantry regiment to be deployed in the UNIFIL area of operations, in order for Lebanon to increase its joint patrolling of the area with UNIFIL.

TARGET GROUP

LAF Model Regiment

FINAL BENEFICIARIES

Government of Lebanon,
Ministry of Defence of Lebanon,
LAF, and
Local communities in the Nabatiyeh governorate.

BACKGROUND

Since 2000 and in compliance with UNSCR 425 and 426, the UNIFIL has been deployed in the area between the Litani river and the 'Line of withdrawal' on the borders identified by the United Nations on 7 June 2000, colloquially known as the Blue Line. In this area, only two

forces are authorized to operate: The United Nations peacekeeping force and the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF).

In August 2006, UNSCR 1701 was promulgated to put an end to the conflict between the Lebanese and Israeli parties. The resolution emphasized on the importance for the Government of Lebanon to extend its control over all Lebanese territory in accordance with the provisions of UNSCR 1559 (2004) and UNSCR 1680 (2006).

In 2017, following a UNIFIL mandate review, UNSCR 2373 was passed, endorsing the creation of a "Model Regiment" within the Lebanese Armed Forces to reinforce the presence of the State in Southern Lebanon.

In the following year, the EU announced a series of measures dedicated to improving the capabilities of the LAF. One of these measures was the construction of the Headquarters of the Model Regiment. In 2019, the Lebanese Government identified a plot in Srebbine to host these new military Headquarters.

PROJECT IMPACT

The project will provide, in the village of Srebbine (South Lebanon), headquarters for the Model Regiment. It will allow for an increased presence of the LAF in the south of the country, and enhance their ability to operate in an autonomous way and in coordination with UNIFIL in the area, creating the conditions for the application of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 and the following ones.



OBJECTIVES

The project specifically aims to:

- 1.1 Foster the deployment of the LAF Model Regiment to the UNIFIL operation area south of the Litani river.
- 1.2 Contribute to a sustainable presence of the LAF Model Regiment in the area.

EXPECTED RESULT 1: THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE LAF MODEL REGIMENT IS REFURBISHED.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 Recruit an infrastructure expert to conduct a field analysis and realize the preliminary design with the LAF
- 1.2 Recruit a technical infrastructure expert to provide support for implementing the project
- 1.3 Design specifications to contract an engineering consulting and site supervision company
- 1.4 Design the technical specifications and drawings for the construction and rehabilitation works
- 1.5 Identify the contractors that will rehabilitate and extend the existing building
- 1.6 Provide the infrastructure

EXPECTED RESULT 2: EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED TO ALLOW FOR THE SUSTAINABLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITY PRESENCE AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION.

ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Define technical specifications and quantity of the to-be-provided furniture
- 2.2 Select contractors
- 2.3 Equip with tables, desks, beds, wardrobes, security assets, etc.

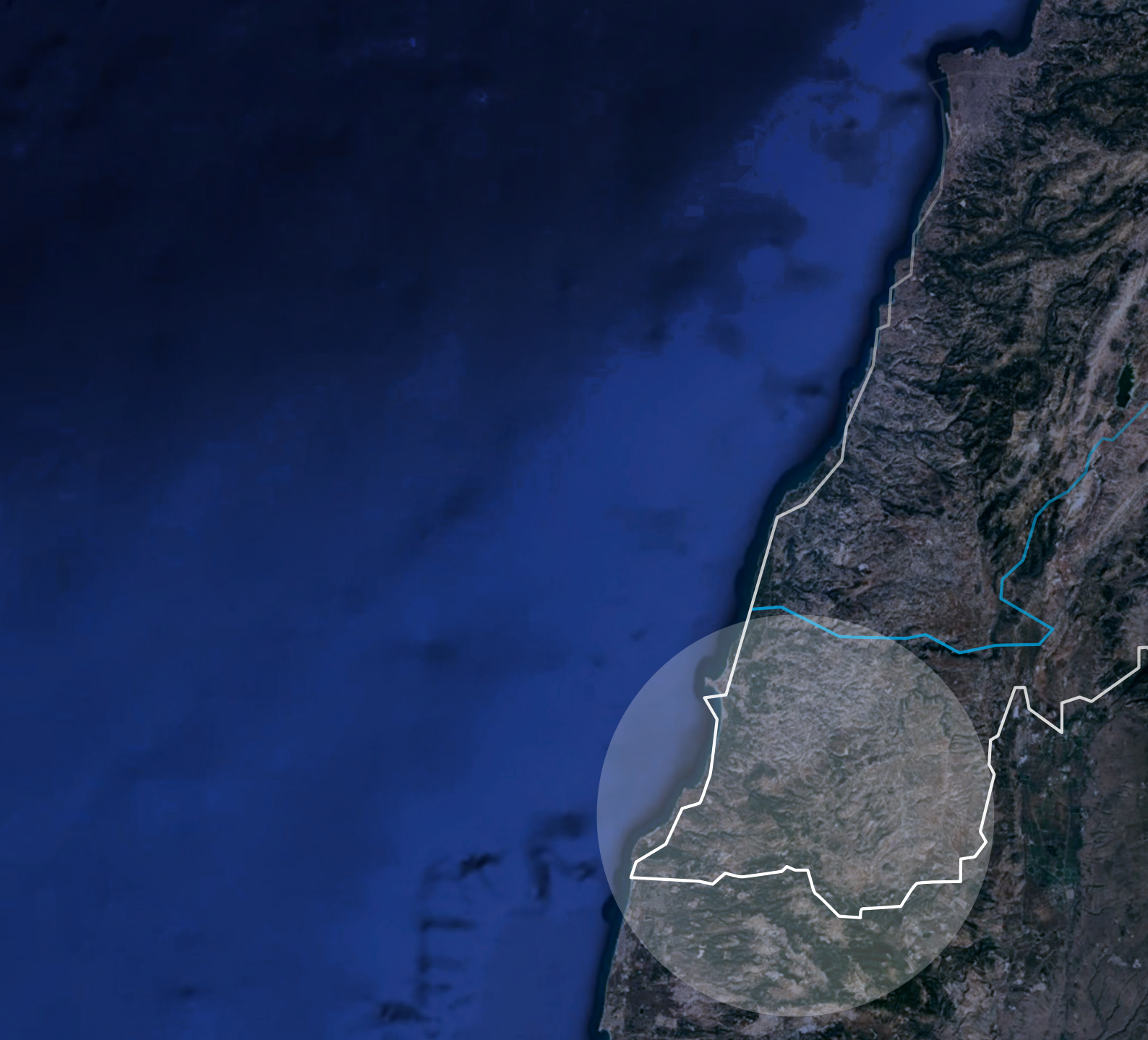
BUDGET

6 M€

DURATION

21/10/2019 - 16/06/2022





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