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# THE US ARMY IS FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE EU BY PLACING THEIR TRUST IN PROTECTION UNIT!

**Saint-Georges-sur-Meuse, 5 September 2022** – Protection UNIT, the largest Belgian-owned company in the security sector, has been entrusted with the surveillance of the infrastructure of one of the most demanding armies in the world in terms of security.

After winning the European Commission contract for the monitoring and security of 70 buildings, Protection UNIT has just been awarded the contract to monitor five sites in Belgium belonging to the US Army Garrison (USAG) Benelux. These are sensitive and high security areas, which require heightened vigilance.

Mainly located in Chièvres in the province of Hainaut, this garrison belongs to a US Army Unit, but from a purely military standpoint, it is part of US Forces Command. The USAG's mission is to support US military personnel stationed at NATO, SHAPE, and at NATO bases in the Netherlands and Germany. It is also responsible for the management of three US military equipment storage sites, including Zutendaal in the province of Limburg.

The contract covers 120 security officers, a third of whom will be armed, which requires specific qualifications and constant training. The customer requires further shooting exercises and refresher courses, in all environments. *"Winning this contract is real recognition for us, as the American army is one of the most demanding in the world in terms of security,"* says Nicolas de Angelis, CEO Protection UNIT Belux. *"It confirms our strategic decision to make the quality of our services a priority."*

## THE CONTRACT IN FIGURES:

- 5-year contract, plus 6 months (setting up period)
- 10 million euros
- 120 employees, of whom 40 will be armed at work
- Over 200,000 hours of service provision per year
- 10 years minimum experience for a range of security supervisors
- Operating at 100 % by 1 November 2022.

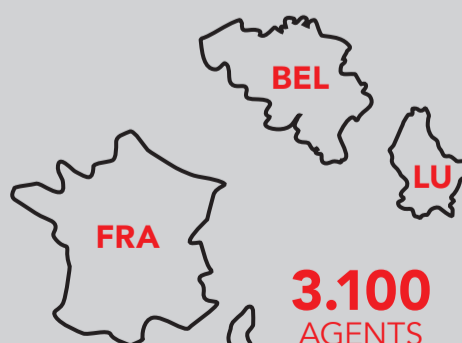
## OUR SECURITY OFFICERS WILL BE SPREAD OVER FIVE SITES:

- **The Zutendaal army depot**, which is particularly well-guarded because of its function. The site will require nearly 70,000 hours of service provision per year from our security officers.
- **The Daumeries airfield and barracks**, on the Chièvres military base: about 800 people, half of them American, work here. On one side of the base is the airfield, and on the other side are the offices of the US Army Garrison Benelux. Protection UNIT will provide over 66,000 hours of service per year on this site.
- **The sites of Sint-Stevens-Woluwe and Sterrebeek in Brussels.** These include various administrative services where our security officers will provide almost 65,000 hours of service in total each year.

## ABOUT

### PROTECTION UNIT

Protection UNIT is a **Belgian security company** created in 2009 by Samuel Di Giovanni. The company, a leader in the French-speaking area of Belgium, now has more than 3,100 employees, 1,000 active clients and a turnover of around 160 million euros.



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