

DECISION 14/2015/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

**APPROVING A WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH
KOSOVO ACADEMY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (KAPS)**

Adopted by the Governing Board
By written procedure
on 11 May 2015

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL), and in particular Article 8,

Having regard the decision of CEPOL's Governing Board on the 9 August 2014 authorizing the Director of CEPOL to negotiate a Working Arrangement with Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS),

HAS APPROVED the Working Arrangement between CEPOL and Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS)

Done in Riga, 11 May 2015

For the Governing Board

*Gatis Švika
Chair of the Governing Board*

Working Arrangement

Between

**Kosovo Academy for Public Safety
(KAPS)**

And

**The European Police College
(CEPOL)**

WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE KOSOVO ACADEMY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

The Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (hereafter referred to as “KAPS”), and the European Police College (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL”),

Being aware of the mutual interest to enhance the effectiveness of police forces in the fight against crime, especially cross-border crime, in Europe by conducting common trainings for police officers to increase knowledge of national police systems, of European co-operation instruments and mechanisms, as well as of a wide range of specific subjects, such as counter-terrorism, trafficking in narcotics and organised crime, illegal immigration, and border control or trafficking in human beings;

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20th September 2005 on the establishment of the European Police College (CEPOL), as amended by Regulation PE-CONS 59/14 of 25 April 2014;

Having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on a Feasibility Study for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo* (COM(2012) 602;

Having regard to the role and mandate of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX);

Having regard to the CEPOL Governing Board Decision of 9 August 2014 to authorise the Director of CEPOL to negotiate a working arrangement with the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety;

Without prejudice to future developments in the concerned policy area which may result from the revision of the existing legal, cooperation and political framework instruments or the new future treaties;

Have agreed as follows:

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of Independence.

Article 1

Purpose of the Agreement and competent authority

The purpose of this working arrangement is to define the relations between KAPS and CEPOL, and to establish the arrangements necessary to facilitate mutual cooperation. The exchange or dissemination of Law Enforcement Sensitive Data, including Personal Data, is not within the scope of this working arrangement or any of its provisions.

Article 2

Areas of co-operation

The co-operation as established in this working arrangement shall:

- a) allow for the participation of Senior Police Officers of Kosovo in CEPOL training sessions, and that of EU Senior Police Officers operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs in training sessions organized by KAPS ;
- b) define possible supporting activities of KAPS to the organisation of CEPOL training courses;
- c) further harmonise standards on police training with regard to cross-border co-operation between police forces;
- d) Enhance the exchange of best practices and grant the KAPS the access to the public sections of CEPOL's electronic network, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non-registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed through the present working arrangement.

Article 3

Holding meetings

CEPOL meetings may be organised in Kosovo; costs for such meetings will be reimbursed by CEPOL, according to its rules.

Article 4

Participation in training courses

Police Officers of Kosovo may participate in training courses provided by CEPOL.

As a rule, costs for participation of Kosovo trainees in CEPOL training courses shall be charged to the participants' sending institution. These costs shall be indicated in the invitation to the activity.

Article 5

Support for training activities of CEPOL

Officers of Kosovo may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU-Member States organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision police experts of for the needs of such courses. EU Senior Police Officers may also participate as appropriate parties to training courses organized by KAPS. Any direct costs incurred for services provided by KAPS in supporting training activities of CEPOL shall be reimbursed by CEPOL according to its rules.

This working arrangement does not create any specific obligation on Third Parties to attend training sessions or courses organized within its framework.

Article 6

Harmonised standards on police training

KAPS may support the development and implementation of Common Curricula as set out in Art. 7 of the Council Decision and may integrate these into the national training programmes to the extent possible and necessary.

Article 7

Exchange of best practices, senior police officers and training officers

KAPS and CEPOL shall disseminate best practices and research findings.

Relevant exchanges and secondments of senior police officers and/or senior training staff members shall be facilitated.

Continuous dialogue and exchange of best practices shall be enhanced by granting KAPS access to the public sections of CEPOL's e-Net, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non-registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed in this Working Arrangement.

Article 8

National contact point

KAPS shall communicate to CEPOL the contact details of the nominated National Contact Point within one month from the date of entry into force of the present working arrangement and in any event prior to its entry into force. Any changes in that respect shall be communicated in writing to the Director of CEPOL.

Article 9

Amendment of the Working Arrangement

KAPS or CEPOL may each propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this working arrangement or parts thereof. Amendments to this working arrangement shall enter into force after the respective internal procedures have been completed.

Article 10

Termination of the Working Arrangement

This working arrangement may be terminated by each party with 6 months written notice.

Article 11

Entry into force

This working arrangement shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Dr. Ferenc Bánfi For the European Police College CEPOL</p>	<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Mr. Ismail Smakiqi For the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety KAPS</p>
<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Chair of the CEPOL Governing Board</p>	