

Decision of the Management Board 15/2016/MB

**On the authorisation of the Executive Director to conclude a working
arrangement between the Police Educational Complex
of the Republic of Armenia and CEPOL**

Adopted by the Management Board

on 13 January 2017

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/2219 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2005/681/JHA¹, and in particular Article 34 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) A draft Working Arrangement has been negotiated with the Police Educational Complex of the Republic of Armenia
- (2) The consultation with the European Commission under Article 34 paragraph (5) of the Regulation was completed

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Single Article

The Executive Director is herewith authorised to conclude the Working Arrangement with the Police Educational Complex of the Republic of Armenia annexed to this Decision.

The present Decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Done in the Netherlands, 13 January 2017

For the Management Board

<Signature on file>

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Mrs Frederike Everts MPA
Chair of the Management Board

¹ OJ L319, 4.12.2015, p.1.

Working Arrangement

Between

**THE POLICE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

And

**THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT TRAINING
(CEPOL)**

**WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING (CEPOL)**

The Police Educational Complex of the Republic of Armenia, hereafter referred to as “the Complex” and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training, hereafter referred to as “CEPOL” and collectively referred to as “the parties”;

- Being aware of the mutual interest to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement in the fight against crime, especially cross-border crime, in Europe by conducting common trainings for law enforcement officials to raise awareness and increase knowledge of international and 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 the Regulation (EU) 2015/2219 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2005/681/JHA (hereafter referred to as “Regulation”);

- Having regard to the European Union and the Republic of Armenia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement in force as of 1 July 1999 and the ongoing negotiations to replace it with a new agreement;

- Having regard to the Association Agendas for Eastern Partnership countries, in particular, the ENP action plan for Armenia and the future Partnership Priorities that will replace the ENP Action Plan for Armenia;

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

Having regard to Article 36 of the Regulation indicating that CEPOL, as established by this Regulation, shall be the legal successor in respect of all contracts concluded by, liabilities incumbent on, and properties acquired by CEPOL as established by Decision 2005/681/JHA;

[c.f. a reference to be inserted to the future Decision of the MB authorising the conclusion of the WA]

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose of the Arrangement

The purpose of this **Arrangement** is to define the relations between the parties, specifying, in particular, the nature, extent and manner in which the Complex may participate in CEPOL's work, 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 Arrangement or any of its provisions.

Article 2

Areas of co-operation

The co-operation, as established in this Agreement, shall:

- a) allow for the participation of Armenian law enforcement officials in CEPOL training sessions, and that of EU law enforcement officials as well as Staff of EU Agencies operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs in training sessions organized by the Complex;
- b) define possible supporting activities of the Complex in the organisation of CEPOL training courses;
- c) further harmonise the standards on law enforcement training with regard to cross-border co-operation;
- d) enhance the exchange of best practices and grant the Complex 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 Arrangement;
- e) determine the costs to be met by the Complex and by CEPOL.

Article 3

Meetings and Trainings

CEPOL's meetings may be organised in the Republic of Armenia; costs for such meetings shall be reimbursed by CEPOL, according to its rules.

Law enforcement officials of the Republic of Armenia may participate in the training courses provided by CEPOL.

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

Article 4

Support for training activities of CEPOL

The Complex may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU Member States organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision of Armenian

law enforcement experts for such courses. EU law enforcement officials and staff of EU agencies operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs may also participate, as appropriate, to training courses organized by the Complex.

Any direct costs incurred for services provided by the Complex in supporting training activities of CEPOL, shall be reimbursed by CEPOL according to its rules.

This Working Arrangement does not create any obligations for Third Parties with respect to participation in training activities organised within its framework.

Article 5

Harmonised standards on law enforcement training

The Complex shall support the development and implementation of Common Curricula as set out in Article 4 of the Regulation and may integrate these into the national training programmes to the extent possible and necessary.

Article 6

Exchange of best practices and law enforcement or training officials

The parties shall disseminate best practices and research findings.

Relevant exchanges and secondments of law enforcement officials and/or training staff members shall be facilitated.

Article 7

National contact point

A National contact point shall be appointed by the Head of the Complex. The contact details of the nominated National contact point shall be communicated to CEPOL within one month as from the signature of this Arrangement.

The National contact point shall be responsible for carrying out the following tasks:

- contribute to and promote CEPOL's work programmes, annual calendars and website among the law enforcement officials of the Republic of Armenia;
- organise and coordinate appropriate nominations of participants and experts for activities at the national level in a timely and transparent manner;
- facilitate the communication and coordination between CEPOL and relevant national institutions;
- coordinate the implementation of activities and meetings in the Republic of Armenia;
- nominate an Exchange coordinator and provide support in the establishment and implementation of exchange programmes for law enforcement officials;
- nominate an E-net manager and promote the use of CEPOL's electronic network for the training of law enforcement officials.

Article 8

Combating fraud

In line with Article 29 paragraph 2 of the Regulation, the European Court of Auditors shall have a power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot checks, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds from CEPOL.

In line with Article 29 paragraph 3 of the Regulation, OLAF may carry out investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant or a contract awarded by CEPOL. Such investigations shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96.

Article 9

Amendments

Each of the parties may propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this Arrangement.

Article 10

Entry into Force and Termination

This Arrangement becomes effective upon its signature. The parties may terminate it by giving a 6 month advance written notice.

Done in two original copies each in English and Armenian languages. In the event of any conflict between the English and the Armenian versions, the English version shall prevail.

<p>This day of two thousand and.....</p> <p>FOR THE POLICE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA</p> <p>Lieutenant-general Hovhannes Varyan, Head of Police Educational Complex</p>	<p>This day of two thousand and.....</p> <p>FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING (CEPOL)</p> <p>Dr Ferenc Bánfi Executive Director</p>
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