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## Open Call for participating experts – CEPOL sets up EU-MENA Information Sharing and Analysis Network (EMISA) to help fighting new terrorism threats and trends

The EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) is seeking experts to serve as members of its newly created EU-MENA Information Sharing and Analysis Network (EMISA). This “Call for Experts” provides information about the network in question, the expert profiles being sought, the process to express interest, and the nomination process.

### Background

Launched within the frame of CEPOL’s [Counter-Terrorism Information Exchange and Criminal Justice Responses’ project](#) (CT INFLOW), the EU-MENA Information Sharing and Analysis Network will act as a hub to further the efforts and work of the Agency with the Middle East and North African region in facilitating information sharing and increasing the overall understanding of violent extremism and terrorism phenomena. The aim is to create a strong, long-standing network of experts who work jointly to exchange experiences, good practices and challenges on a regular basis.

### [EU-MENA Information Sharing and Analysis Network \(EMISA\) Forum – 27 September 2021](#)

On 27 September at 13:30 GMT+2, CEPOL CT INFLOW will promote the official launch of the EMISA Network via an online Forum. The event will feature interventions by high-level representatives of the EU and MENA and discuss the challenges the EU-MENA face in the field of counterterrorism and the importance of inter-regional cooperation strategies, including the future role of EMISA.

In order to express your interest to participate in the Forum, please contact the CEPOL CT INFLOW project team via [ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu](mailto:ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu). Kindly note that participation is limited and the CEPOL CT INFLOW project team reserves the right to refuse participation based on availability.

### Operations of the EU-MENA Information Sharing and Analysis Network

EMISA will provide an opportunity for EU and MENA specialists to exchange expertise **in eight different Working Groups**.

Participation in EMISA is limited to **experts from CT INFLOW partner countries** (Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia), **partner International Organisations** (the African Union and the League of Arab States) and **EU Members States’ experts**. Representatives from other international organisations may participate in the Network as observers.

In line with the CEPOL CT INFLOW project objectives, information sharing will be the common thread governing the work of the EMISA network, while also ensuring **compliance with human rights and international law**.



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### Submitting your expression of interest

To register your interest in being considered for the EMISA network, please:

- Nationals from EU Member States: contact the corresponding CEPOL National Unit in your country
- Non-EU countries / MENA countries: contact the CEPOL CT INFLOW project team via [ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu](mailto:ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu)

The deadline to receive the nominations is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 18:00 (GMT+2)**.

After submission, your expression of interest will be reviewed by the CEPOL CT INFLOW project team who will take into account the specific expertise or field of interest of the participating countries and organisations and a balanced and equitable geographical representation from the EU and the MENA countries. Applicants will be informed of the **results by November 2021**.

For additional information on the conditions of participation, or in case of additional questions, please contact the CEPOL CT INFLOW project team via [ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu](mailto:ctinflow@cepol.europa.eu).