

DECISION 18/2013/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
CONCERNING ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE,
AMENDING DECISION 33/2011/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

Adopted by the Governing Board
by written procedure
on 1 August 2013

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of the European Union of 20 September 2005 (hereinafter referred to as "the Council Decision") establishing a European Police College and repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA¹, and in particular to Article 10(8) thereof;

Whereas

It is for the Governing Board, acting by a two-thirds majority, to adopt its rules of procedure;

After reducing the number of regular Governing Board meetings to two per year, the importance of written procedures has increased.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Governing Board Decision 33/2011/GB is amended as follows:

Article 9 is replaced by the following

1. Acts of the Governing Board on an urgent matter may be adopted by a written vote where the Governing Board decides by an affirmative two-thirds majority vote to use that procedure. In special and urgent circumstances, the Chairperson of the Governing Board may also decide to use that procedure.
2. The Chairperson of the Governing Board will give the Member States a minimum of 7 calendar days and a maximum of 30 calendar days to reply. The default duration of the written procedure shall be 14 calendar days, however in well justified cases the Chairperson may decide on a shorter or longer duration, within the above specified time limits.
3. Member States shall reply “yes”, “no” or “abstain from voting” to any written procedure. In case no reply has been received within the period the respective Member State is deemed to have abstained from voting.
4. In cases where the required majority, as specified in Article 10 of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA, is not reached, the Chairperson of the Governing Board can decide to either re-launch the written procedure or bring it to the next Governing Board meeting, depending on the timing and urgency of the procedure in question.
5. The Chairperson of the Governing Board shall establish that the written procedure has been completed.

¹ CEPOL, OJ L 256, 01 October 2005, p.63-70

Article 2
Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the day of approval by the Governing Board and shall apply to any written procedures launched after that date.

Done in Vilnius, 1 August 2013

For the Governing Board

Tomas Bikmanas
Chair of the Governing Board