

Montserrat Marín takes up duties as Executive Director of CEPOL

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Ms. Montserrat Marín took up duties today as Executive Director of the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL). Ms. Marín was appointed by CEPOL Management Board on 16 December 2021, becoming the fourth elected Executive Director since the setup of the Agency in 2006. Her duties will involve ensuring the efficient and effective running of CEPOL's operations and leading the agency's personnel. In her new capacity, Ms. Marín will lead the EU agency fulfilling the objectives set out in its Regulation "to support, develop, implement and coordinate training activities for the law enforcement authorities [...] where such training activities can add value for Member States and the Union".

Born in Madrid, Ms. Marín joins CEPOL from the Spanish National Police where she has held various leading operational and strategic roles for 26 years in a wide range of policing areas such as forensics, public safety, money laundering, drug trafficking and irregular migration. She had been serving as Commissioner of Police since 2017. Ms. Marín, who has broad experience in police training and education, studied Psychology and graduated with honours from the CEPOL European Joint Master Programme in 2019.

Commenting on her new duties, Ms. Marín stated:

"Law enforcement education and training is paramount to ensure officials have the necessary knowledge and tools to confront the difficult tasks they encounter on a daily basis. Training is also an enabler for building trust, which is the keystone for effective law enforcement cooperation to keep Europe safe. I feel privileged to have been entrusted with charting CEPOL's way forward in the years ahead and in making sure we build on and reinforce the Agency's legacy".

Welcomed on her first working day at the agency by the Chair of CEPOL's Management Board, Mr Philippe Durand, Ms. Marín recognized the work carried out by her predecessor, Dr. *h.c.* Detlef Schröder, who is leaving the organisation after 12 years in office, four of them as CEPOL Executive Director.

About CEPOL

CEPOL is the European Union Agency dedicated to develop, implement and coordinate training for law enforcement officials. CEPOL contributes to a safer Europe by facilitating cooperation and knowledge sharing among law enforcement officials of the EU Member States and some third countries. CEPOL constantly strives to offer innovative and advanced training activities by integrating relevant developments in knowledge, research and technology and by creating synergies through strengthened cooperation with its partners.

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