Decision of the Management Board 17/2020/MB


Adopted by the Management Board

on 24 July 2020
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/JHA\(^1\), and in particular Articles 9(1) and 10 thereof,


Having regard to the Decision 10/2020/MB of 29 April 2020 on the suspension of operational activities until 31 July 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation, as well as the preceding Decision of the Executive Director 16/2020/DIR on CEPOL measures pertaining to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) of 10 March 2020 and Decision of the Executive Director 22/2020/DIR on the suspension of operational activities until 31 May 2020 due to COVID-19 situation of 20 March,

Having regard to the Decision of the Executive Director 25/2020/DIR on the non-substantial amendment of the Annual Work Programme 2020, based on which CEPOL provides assistance to the Member States, partner agencies and international organisations in the context of the COVID-19 crisis under the umbrella of the temporary “CEPOL COVID19 Response Task Force”,

Having regard to Decision 39/2017/MB on amending MB Decision 05/2016 on the rules of procedure of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), and in particular Article 9 thereof on the written procedure,

Having regard to Decision 13/2019/MB on the CEPOL Financial Regulation and repealing Decision 01/2014/GB, adopted on 22 May 2019,

Whereas:

(1) The suspension of most of the operational activities is in force until 31 July 2020 due to the 2019-2020 SARS coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak (hereinafter ‘COVID-19’). Notwithstanding this, the implementation of online (e-learning) activities continues as planned.

(2) The Management Board invited the Executive Director to submit by mid-June 2020 a revised Annual Work Programme for the remaining part of 2020.

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(3) In order to prepare a revised Annual Work Programme, the Agency requested the feedback of the framework partners in relation to the implementation of the training activities as initially planned in the context of the grant procedure for 2020.

(4) Some of the framework partners informed the Agency that their capacity to implement training activities has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

(5) The Agency took note of the above qualifying as a situation of force majeure. It is noted that according to the framework partnership agreements, force majeure constitutes a reason for termination of the specific grant agreements concluded in the context of the framework partnerships.

(6) Therefore, there is a need to amend Sections I, II, III and IV of the Single programming Document 2020-2022 to reflect the termination of some specific grant agreements. There is also a need to amend Annexes I, II, III, VIII and IX accordingly.

(7) During the Online MB Meeting of 30 June 2020, the Executive Director informed the Management Board members that the revised Single Programming Document 2020-2022 is to be submitted for adoption in the form of a written procedure on 3 July 2020.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

CEPOL shall amend the following sections of the Single Programming Document 2020-2022 to address the implications of the COVID-19:

- Section I – General Context
  - Financial Resources
  - Human resources
- Section III – Work Programme 2020
  - Executive summary
  - Overview of Activities and Objectives 2020
  - Goal 1: CEPOL will plan, develop and coordinate high quality training services
  - Goal 2: CEPOL will further develop, support and implement training activities […]
  - Goal 5: CEPOL is an efficient and effective organisation promoting digital development
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- Overview of CEPOL regular activities 2020
- Overview of CEPOL project activities 2020
- Section IV.I – List of residential (on-site) activities 2020
- Section IV.II - Grant Agreements
- Annex I – Resource allocation per activity
  - Annex I.a Planning of the job screening exercise for 2020
  - Annex I.b ABB table
- Annex II – Financial resources overview
  - Table 1.b: Expenditure overview
  - Table 2.b: Expenditure - Commitment appropriations for CEPOL regular activities
  - Table 2.c: Expenditure - Payment appropriations for CEPOL regular activities
- Annex III – Human resources quantitative 2020-2022 – Table 1.a: Staff population for CEPOL regulatory activities and its evolution. Overview of all categories of staff
- Annex VIII – Risks
- Annex IX – Draft Procurement plan for the year 2020 - Financing Decision

**Article 2**

The amendments to the Single Programming Document 2020-2022 as annexed to the present Decision are hereby adopted.

**Article 3**

The termination of 19 Grant Agreements due to the Framework Partners’ inability to implement the related activities and the consequent revision of the activities of the CEPOL Work Programme 2020 as annexed to the present Decision is hereby adopted.

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

Done at Lisbon, on 27 July 2020

*For the Management Board*

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Chair of the Management Board