



# **Economic constraints and austerity: consequences for police training/education**

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# Measures to overcome budget cuts 1

- Measures regarding training activities
- Shift from police in-service training over to self-education
- Measures regarding human resources development and structures in training organisations
- Reforms of national police training system/organisation



## Measures to overcome budget cuts 2

- Outsourcing of (special and costly) training
- Savings in infrastructure
- Efforts for new/alternative/additional of funds – means of generating revenue
- Claiming sovereignty for police training organisations in budgetary matters

# Challenges and Risks

- Internationalisation/Europeanization of policing
- Cost-benefit analyses
- Reduction of reliance on central or state based funding



## Incentive for research initiative

CEPOL should take over an initiative for

- the development of a European research concept
- a comparative research programme dealing with consequences, risks and challenges of austerity programmes.



# Questions to the audience

- Are our decision makers and police training managers prepared / trained for dealing with challenges due to the austerity programmes or to act as miracle-workers – relying on their phantasy or creativity – in implementing political (economic) programmes?



# More Questions

- Are there on-going or planned research projects in this field, which you know about?
- Police education and training cost money – money (governmental budget) is tight and the situation will not improve soon: What would be important research questions for police-research projects dealing with the effects of tight fiscal conditions on police training/education and on policing?