

Decision of the Management Board 23/2020/MB

**ON THE CORRIGENDUM TO LAUNCH AN OPEN CALL FOR
ESTABLISHING FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS AND
REPEALING DECISION 13/2020/MB**

Adopted by the Management Board

on 12 August 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/JHA¹ (hereinafter 'CEPOL mandate'), in particular articles 9(1) and 21(2) thereof,

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), adopted on 20 December 2017,

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

Having regard to Decision 13/2020/MB on a call for establishing Framework Partnership agreements, adopted on 29 April 2020,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 21(2) of the CEPOL mandate, in duly justified cases CEPOL may award grants without open call for proposals to Member States for providing training related to the tasks referred to Article 4(2) and (4) of the mandate. This requires a prior approval of the Management Board.
- (2) The restricted call was approved by the Management Board (Decision 13/2020/MB) on 29 April 2020 and advertised on 14 May 2020. This initial call was restricted to public universities.
- (3) The Agency has received a protest from a private university on the restricted nature of the call. Further legal advice from European Commission DG HOME was requested on the matter.
- (4) On 15 July 2020, DG HOME advised the Agency to open the call to private entities in line with the principle of non-discrimination.
- (5) Following the advice, there is a need to amend and open the call to all relevant EU Member States universities and training centres, including private and public institutions.
- (6) Therefore, it is hereby requested to the Management Board to approve the corrigendum to launch an open call for establishing framework partnership agreements. Concomitantly, there is a need to repeal Decision 13/2020MB.

¹ OJ L319, 4.12.2015, p.1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The corrigendum to launch an open call for Framework Partnership agreements 2021-2024 is hereby approved.

Article 2

1. Decision 13/2020/MB is hereby repealed.
2. The present Decision shall take effect the day of its adoption.

Done at Lisbon, on 13 August 2020

For the Management Board

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Mr José Leitao

Chair of the Management Board