

Decision of the Management Board 25/2020/MB

**ON AMENDING DECISIONS 23/2019/MB, 33/2019/MB, 03/2020/MB,
07/2020/MB, 15/2020/MB AND 17/2020/MB ON THE CEPOL SINGLE
PROGRAMMING DOCUMENT 2020-2022**

Adopted by the Management Board

on 16 October 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, and in particular Articles 4(4), 9(1) and 10 thereof,

Having regard to Decision 23/2019/MB on the CEPOL Single Programming Document 2020-2022 – as amended by Decisions 33/2019/MB, 03/2020/MB, 07/2020/MB, 15/2020/MB and 17/2020/MB,

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, preceding Decision of the Executive Director 16/2020/DIR on CEPOL measures pertaining to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) of 10 March 2020, as well as Decisions of the Executive Director 22/2020/DIR of 20 March and 43/2020/DIR of 7 September on the suspension of operational activities until 31 May 2020 and 31 October 2020 respectively,

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 was extended until 31 December 2020 due to the 2019-2020 SARS coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak (hereinafter 'COVID-19') and border closure of Hungary since 1 September 2020. This includes physical CEPOL organised meetings. Notwithstanding this, the implementation of online (e-learning) activities continues as planned.
- (2) On 24 July 2020, the Management Board approved a revised Annual Work Programme for the remaining part of 2020 through Decision 17/2020/MB.
- (3) A need for further amendment of Sections II, III and IV of the Single programming Document 2020-2022 to respond to border closure of

¹ OJ L319, 4.12.2015, p.1.

Hungary since 1 September 2020. There is also a need to amend Annex I accordingly.

- (4) Preparations for the EU-STNA 2022-2025 could be initiated earlier in Q4 2020 (originally planned for Q1 2021).
- (5) As part of the 2020 Global Transfer Exercise, on 18 August 2020 CEPOL initiated the return of Commitment Appropriations and Payment Appropriations towards the European Commission due to the impact of COVID-19 on CEPOL operational activities, which will be reflected in a subsequent amendment of the Single Programming Document 2020-2022.
- (6) The present Decision also aims to address that a Contribution Agreement has been negotiated with the European Commission concerning the project for the implementation of the Action “Western Balkans Project against Crime and Terrorism (WB PaCT)” and the SPD 2020-2022 needs to be adapted accordingly to reflect the implementation of the project aimed start as of 15 October 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 and the launch of EU-STNA 2022-2025:

- Foreword
- Section II – Multiannual Programming 2020-2022 – II.2 Human and financial resource outlook for years 2020 – 2022 – Resource programming for the years 2020-2022
 - Resource outlook over the years 2020 to 2022
- 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 [...]
 - Overview of CEPOL regular activities 2020
- Section IV.I – List of residential (on-site) activities 2020
- Annex I – Resource allocation per activity
 - Annex I.b ABB table
- Annex IV – Human resources qualitative 2020-2022

- Annex VIII – Risks

Article 2

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

Article 3

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

Article 4

CEPOL shall implement a project for the implementation of Action "Western Balkans Project against Crime and Terrorism (WB PaCT)" starting as of 15 October 2020 for the duration of 36 months. Total cost of the action shall be EUR 3,000,000, to be fully covered by EU contribution.

Article 5

The following sections of the Single Programming Document 2020-2022 shall be amended accordingly to include the Action "WB PaCT":

- Section II – Multiannual Programming 2020-2022 – II.2 Human and financial resource outlook for years 2020 – 2022 – Resource programming for the years 2020-2022
- Section III – Work Programme 2020
 - Overview of Activities and Objectives 2020
 - Goal 3 CEPOL will further build capacity of Third Countries by tailored made training services
- Annex I.b ABB table
- Annex II – Financial resources overview – Table 1.a: Revenue overview
- Annex II.b – Financial Resources (Tables) overview for CEPOL externally financed project activities
 - Table 4.b: Expenditure - Commitment appropriations
 - Table 4.b: Expenditure - Payment appropriations

- Annex III – Table 1.b: Staff for CEPOL externally financed project activities
- Annex X – Organisation chart (Organogram).

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

Done at Lisbon, on 19 October 2020

*For the Management Board
<< Signature on file >>*

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Chair of the Management Board*