

TOWARDS CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION IN LINE WITH THE EQF

CALL FOR EXPERTS

ACTION REQUIRED

Provision of expert advice on the feasibility of certification of CEPOL training products in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and outlining the obstacles and necessary steps towards the objective, summarised as recommendations to be considered by CEPOL's Management Board.

AIM

In reference to CEPOL's mandate (see REGULATION (EU) 2015/2219 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL), asking for the 'promotion of the mutual recognition of law enforcement training in Member States and the recognition by Member States of training provided at Union level with due regard to the principle of subsidiarity' (Article 4 (5)), the Expert Group is requested to provide expert advice for a concept on the feasibility and necessary realistic concrete steps towards the certification and / or accreditation of CEPOL training products compatible to and in the spirit of the EQF framework.

The Expert Group shall consider potential benefits and costs / risks of such a move and should elaborate a realistic plan to enable the necessary conditions and steps towards a potentially successful implementation. The recommendations shall be concise enough to draft a formal concept on the way forward until 2021.

EXPERT PROFILE

For this work, a temporary expert group of up to 7 members will be established. The members will be selected in line with the following requirements:

- Familiarity and proven professional experience in certification and / or accreditation of training programmes, in particular in areas of law enforcement or criminal justice;
- Familiarity and proven professional experience in certification / accreditation procedures on national or international level;
- Advanced knowledge of EQF and its national or European application;
- Good knowledge of CEPOL's legal mandate and strategy;
- Technical capacity, skills and availability for 2-4 online meetings;
- A very good command of spoken and written English (min C1 CEFR level);
- Availability for at least one in situ meeting at CEPOL HQ in Budapest:

Indicative date for in-situ meeting: 11-12 October 2018 (tbc)

The selected experts will collaborate with specialists from the European Commission and/or related EU agencies.

COOPERATION, COMMUNICATION & CONDITIONS

The experts will be required to travel to Budapest in order to attend the meeting that will take place at the CEPOL premises, Ó utca 27, 1066 Budapest, on the aforementioned date. They will also have to attend several online meetings which will be decided based on the needs that will be identified.

At all stages, the communication and exchange of information and all relevant documents and deliverables will be supported by a dedicated project space on CEPOL's e-Net internet portal.

While there is no remuneration foreseen, costs for travel, accommodation and lunch meals, as well as local transport for experts from the Member States will be covered by CEPOL. Staff members of EU agencies and the European Commission are expected to participate on their organisation's expense.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are to be sent together with a short CV highlighting the expertise mentioned in the expert profile by the 31 August 2018 to the CEPOL National Units.