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## **CALL FOR CO-CHAIR AND EXPERTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CEPOL KNOWLEDGE CENTRE ON COUNTER TERRORISM**

CEPOL aims to establish a pilot CEPOL Knowledge Centre on Counter Terrorism (CKC CT) in January 2020. The CKC CT chaired by CEPOL and one of the Member States, will design the multiannual EU-level training portfolio and ensure the quality of overall package and particular activities in this specific domain. This call aims to engage a co-chair and experts from relevant competent authorities of the Member States (MS law enforcement authorities, law enforcement academies and training centres, law enforcement research centres) to be part of this group. In addition, the present call aims to establish a reserve list for a co-chair and experts. The present call is without prejudice to the possibility for experts from CEPOL and other relevant EU bodies (European Commission, Europol, Eurojust, Frontex and other institutions, agencies, bodies as deemed relevant) to join the CKC CT.

The role of the co-chair will be:

- To guide and facilitate, in cooperation with CEPOL, the CKC discussions when designing the training portfolio;
- To ensure the delivery and coherence of the counterterrorism training package and set detailed requirements for each activity, training material and expert/trainer profiles;
- To ensure the quality of training and learning actions;
- To ensure contribution of up-to-date knowledge by relevant stakeholders about the latest developments in thematic areas;
- To establish links with the relevant professional networks and bodies.

The role of CKC experts will be:

- To design and regularly update the multiannual EU-level training portfolio on counterterrorism for residential, online training activities and professional exchange mobility programme, based on STNA and OTNA findings;
- To prioritise training proposals;
- To prepare detailed curricula for the prioritised training activities and specific requirements for activities and to identify required methodology and training material;
- To identify profiles of relevant experts for particular training activities;
- To support quality assurance during implementation of the CKC portfolio;
- To ensure business continuity by regular assessment, content update and quality improvement of the activities.

More details on the nature of work to be carried out by the CKC CT are to be found in the CKC Concept (Annex 1 to the present call) and Agreement (Annex 2). Information on the reimbursement of expenses can be found in Annex 3 to the present call.

### **ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS**

- The CKC CT will be co-chaired by one senior expert from the Member States and one CEPOL staff member;
- The CKC CT will consist of a maximum ten experts from Member States' law enforcement authorities;
- Each Member State can be represented by maximum 2 experts;
- CEPOL will cover travel and accommodation costs of the co-chair and experts related to the meetings of the CKC CT;
- Two physical meetings per year are planned, one in spring and one in autumn, while the rest of the coordination is expected to take place over online meetings;
- The duration of the mandate of the CKC CT will be one year as of the date of completion of the selection till 31 December 2020, with the possibility of extension pending the decision of the CEPOL Management Board in the course of 2020;
- Reserve list of relevant experts will be created as a result of this call.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Nominations must be submitted by the nominee's national employer (sending authority) via the CEPOL National Unit. A nomination shall consist in sending the CV of an individual (for more details see below the section on submission of application). Relevant criteria are considered the following:

- A robust understanding of issues related to international terrorism from the law enforcement perspective;
- Knowledge on terrorist modus operandi, financing of terrorism, foreign terrorist fighters and returnees, exploitation of internet, radicalisation process, prevention, existing EU-level legislation and policy and related aspects;
- Experience and/or a good understanding of instruments to combat terrorism and cross-border information/intelligence sharing mechanisms;
- Experience in cooperation with relevant EU Agencies and International Organisations;
- Fluent<sup>1</sup> written and spoken English;
- Experience in designing or providing international training activities to the EU law enforcement authorities would be an advantage.

### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

Applications shall be submitted electronically, via email. Candidates are requested to complete their Europass CV<sup>2</sup> in English and their sending authorities should channel it to CEPOL via the relevant CEPOL National Unit.

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<sup>1</sup> B2 level is considered adequate level for the nature of the work

<sup>2</sup> <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>

**Only nominations received from the CEPOL National Units will be considered. Nominations should be sent by email to [grants@cepol.europa.eu](mailto:grants@cepol.europa.eu) no later than 24 January 2020.**

The CKC members and the co-chair will be selected by the CEPOL Executive Director taking into account the advisory opinion of an appointed Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will consist of CEPOL staff members, who will assess the received nominations. Following completion of the selection, an agreement will be signed by the co-chair / expert, the sending authority and CEPOL (Annex 2).

#### **DATA PROTECTION**

Personal data processed for the purposes of the creation of the expert group contributing to the work of the CKC on CT will be processed in accordance with Regulation 2018/17251 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC<sup>3</sup>.

#### **TRANSPARENCY**

Information on the Expert Group and its composition will be disclosed by the Agency on its website. This information will concern in particular the names of the members of the Experts Group and the entity to which they are affiliated.

Annex 1: CKC concept

Annex 2: Agreement

Annex 3: Decision of the Executive Director 53/2018/DIR, laying down rules governing the meetings of the management board, Cepol National Units, Research & Science Correspondents, e-Net managers, and Trio presidency handover.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39–98