

Working Arrangement

between

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

and

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (hereafter referred to as the “FRA”), and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL”), hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”, or individually as the “Party”;

Being aware of the mutual interest to cooperate, in particular as regards training activities, also taking into account the importance of fundamental rights in the context of various aspects of law enforcement;

Having regard to the 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/JHA (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL Regulation”);

Having regard to the Decision of the CEPOL Management Board 09/2021/MB;

Recalling that the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights Agency was established by Council Regulation (EC) No. 168/2007 of 15 February 2007 (hereinafter referred to as the “FRA Regulation”),

Having regard to the objectives of the FRA to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the EU and its Member States with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights when implementing EU law, in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights.

Without prejudice to future developments in the concerned policy areas which may result from the revision of the existing legal, cooperation and political framework instruments or future treaties;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose of the Working Arrangement

The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to enhance cooperation between FRA and CEPOL in particular by strengthening the fundamental rights aspects of law enforcement training and learning.

Article 2

Areas of co-operation

Within the framework of this Working Arrangement, the parties undertake to co-operate in the following fields of activity.

1. Training activities

- a) In the fields falling within the Parties' scope of competence, pursuant to an assessment of training needs, CEPOL may invite FRA to propose the appointment of experts to assist in the development and delivery of CEPOL trainings and training materials, to share its relevant publications, and to jointly define other possible activities in the context of the organisation of CEPOL training courses;
- b) CEPOL undertakes to grant FRA staff access to the public sections of CEPOL's eLearning platform accessible to registered users but restricted for non-registered users, to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed in the present Working Arrangement.

2. Exchange of knowledge

Concerning exchange of knowledge, information and expertise, where such exchange is considered beneficial to the Parties, they shall support each other in the development and dissemination of training and/or awareness-raising materials and publications.

3. Consultations

- a) The Parties shall invite each other to comment on their respective Annual Work Programmes during the first quarter of each calendar year;
- b) The Parties may invite each other to participate in other consultations.

4. Annual Action Plans

The Parties shall develop Annual Action Plans to determine concrete forms of cooperation by which they are implementing the present Working Arrangement in the given year.

Article 3

Contact points

The Director of FRA and the Executive Director of CEPOL shall respectively appoint a contact point whose task shall be to co-ordinate the day-to-day co-operation between the Parties. To this end, the Parties will respectively nominate a contact point within their institutions entrusted with the implementation of and all communications relating to the present Working Arrangement.

FRA and CEPOL, via their respective contact points, shall consult each other regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of realising their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.

The contact points shall set up meetings, including tele- and video conferences between FRA and CEPOL as often as necessary to discuss issues relating to their co-operation in general.

With reference to Article 2.1(b), the Director of FRA shall also appoint a “CEPOL’s eLearning platform manager” to promote the use of CEPOL’s electronic network among FRA staff and communicate the contact details thereof to CEPOL.

Article 4

Expenses and communication

Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear their own expenses which arise in the course of implementing the present Working Arrangement.

Communication of information and documents by the Parties shall be subject to the Parties’ rules and regulations.

Article 5

Settlement of disputes

All disputes which may emerge in connection with the interpretation or application of the present Working Arrangement shall be settled by means of consultation and negotiation between representatives of the Parties.

Article 6

Combating fraud

In the context of combating fraud, where necessary, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 29 of the CEPOL Regulation shall apply.

Article 7

Amendment of the Working Arrangement

FRA or CEPOL may each propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this Working Arrangement or parts thereof. Amendments to this Working Arrangement shall enter into force after the respective internal procedures have been completed.

Article 8

Termination of the Working Arrangement

This Working Arrangement may be terminated by each Party with 3 months written notice.

Article 9

Entry into force

This Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the day of signature by the last Party.

<p>This day of two thousand and twenty-one, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Dr. h.c. Detlef Schröder, Executive Director, For the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)</p>	<p>This day of two thousand and twenty-one, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Michael O’Flaherty, Director For the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p>
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