

**Outcomes of Proceedings of the
3rd online meeting of CEPOL Management Board
27 May 2020, 14:00 CEST
Chairperson: Dr. Kimmo HIMBERG**

ITEM 1. Welcome by the Chair

Presenter : Dr. Kimmo HIMBERG, Chair of CEPOL Management Board
Took the Floor : -

Dr. Kimmo HIMBERG, Chair of CEPOL Management Board welcomed the participants to the 3rd online Management Board meeting.

ITEM 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Presenter : Chair
Took the Floor : -

After summarising the voting procedure, the **Chair** invited Voting Members to comment on the draft Agenda. Since no additional request has been made, the **Chair** invited Voting Members to vote on the draft Agenda.

During the meeting all but two (Romania, Sweden) voting members were present or represented by their alternates, and no proxy vote has been submitted, hence, the total number of eligible votes was 25.

Voting results: In favour: 25 members; **Against:** 0; **Abstained:** 2 (Romania and Sweden, as not represented for voting)

Conclusion: The MB has adopted the draft Agenda

ITEM 3. Adoption of the Draft Outcomes of Proceedings

Presenter : Chair
Took the Floor : -

Portugal recommended some rectifications, which were distributed to all participants prior to the meeting.

Conclusion: The MB adopted the Outcomes with the recommended rectifications.

ITEM 4. Announcements

ITEM 4.1 Update on the current situation on CEPOL by Executive Director

Presenter : Dr.h.c. Detlef SCHROEDER, Executive Director
Took the Floor : -

The **Executive Director** welcomed all participants and gave an update on the current situation at CEPOL. The Agency is still in a teleworking mode, however, in line with the Hungarian Government's considerations for lifting the health crisis related restrictions in the country, CEPOL Management is already in the process of developing a plan for returning to office in close cooperation with EIT and EU Delegation in Budapest, as well as the Network of the EU Agencies, and the European Commission.

Regarding online activities the **Executive Director** reported on the successful transition from the eNET to the LEEd platform and gave an update on the achievements of the Agency's COVID-19

Task Force, offering specific online services towards Member States. Via this initiative CEPOL served more than 2000 additional participants from 13 Member States, so far. He also informed about the agreement with the Croatian Presidency on the first online conference on *Policing the Pandemic*, to be held on 25 June.

Feedback is still being collected from the Framework Partners whether they can implement residential activities in 2020. According to the already available information - based on the 50% of FP responses received so far - several Member States cannot deliver residential activities, resulting already a 240k EUR underspending.

Concerning the Agency's request to DG HOME for contracting more Contract Agents (CAs) - so that CEPOL could be capable to offer a higher volume of cybercrime related training - it seems that the employment of more SNEs can be the only solution.

Regarding the Budget situation, according to DG BUDG the standard penalty rules will need to be applied in case of more than 5% underspending. Still, the carry forward of uncompleted activities of the Framework Partners to 2021 is not possible since the FP contracts will expire by the end of 2020. CEPOL is currently in consultation with DG BUDG to make an exception due to the COVID-19 situation.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 4.2 Update on the current situation by the European Commission

Presenter	: Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL, European Commission
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Took the Floor	: -
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Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL noted that the new MFF proposal was being issued by COM that very day. He also informed the Management Board about two documents, published recently on the Europa website and open for public consultation:

The Commission's *Action Plan for a comprehensive Union policy on preventing money laundering and terrorism financing* is built on the findings of the anti-money laundering package of 2019.

The new *Inception Impact Assessment* concerning the revision of Europol's mandate is open for public consultation until 9 July. He briefly recounted the main aspects touched upon in the review. The new mandate would enable Europol

- To better deal with the evolving nature of the internet-based and financial crime, by enhancing the Agency's capability to cooperate with private parties;
- To step up their fight against High Value Targets;
- To facilitate the Agency's cooperation with Third Countries;
- To have access to key databases.
- Also, it would codify activities not currently encompassed in the legal basis.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 5. Election of the new Deputy Chair of the Management Board

Presenter	: Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL, European Commission
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Took the Floor	: Mr. José LEITÃO, Mr. Uwe MARQUARDT, MB Chair, Executive Director
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In line with Article 2 of the rules of procedures of the Management Board, the **MB Chair** invited Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL, to chair this agenda item.

Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL explained that following the incoming Trio Presidency's nomination, **Mr. José LEITÃO** (Portugal) is the candidate for the incoming Chairperson of the Management Board, and **Mr. Uwe MARQUARDT** (Germany) is the candidate for the incoming Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board. **Mr. Laurent MUSCHEL** reminded the Assembly that this election requires a 2/3 majority of votes in favour of the candidates and invited the voting members to vote first on the incoming Chairperson, and then for the incoming Deputy Chairperson.

Both **Mr. José LEITÃO** and **Mr. Uwe MARQUARDT** were elected unanimously. The **Commission**, the **MB Chair** and the **Executive Director** congratulated the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair for their election and wished success to the new TRIO Presidency period for Germany, Portugal, and

Slovenia. **Mr. José Carlos BASTOS LEITÃO** and **Mr. Uwe MARQUARDT** thanked the strong trust expressed by the voting members.

Voting results regarding the new incoming MB Chair:

In favour: 25 members; **Against:** 0; **Abstained:** 2 (Romania and Sweden, as not represented for voting)

Voting results regarding the new incoming MB Deputy Chair:

In favour: 25 members; **Against:** 0; **Abstained:** 2 (Romania and Sweden, as not represented for voting)

Conclusion: Effective from 1 July 2020 the new MB Chair and Deputy Chair have been elected.

ITEM 6. Agency Progress report - to end of March 2020

Presenter : Dr.h.c. Detlef SCHROEDER, Executive Director

Took the Floor : Finland, Commission, Mrs. Mailis Pukonen, Head of Operations

Regarding the Agency's Progress Report to the end of March 2020, the **Executive Director** underlined that business has been impacted by the COVID-19 situation, hence, except for eLearning, many activities had to be put on hold. Answering **Finland** on the very high satisfaction rates of participants (especially when it comes to third countries), he informed that a similar evaluation method is used for all CEPOL activities. However, since the training programmes are resulting from a close cooperation between the Agency and its third country partners, this joint effort might be a reason for such high satisfaction rates. Regarding Finland's question on the possibility of a more even distribution of activities throughout the calendar year, he explained that due to the current, grant agreement based procedures it is difficult for FPs to deliver courses already in Q1, however, the new business model will address this. Concerning Finland's third question on developing a "platform allowing better communication between CEPOL, centres of knowledge and stakeholders" (see page 35 of the Report), he clarified that for this purpose the Agency is planning to apply the European Commission's social platform.

Answering the **European Commission** on whether any residential courses had been converted into online activities and the total number of online activities carried out so far, the Executive Director and the Head of Operations reminded that the Progress report is only covering Q1 of the year. He added that a considerable increase of online activities due to the COVID-19 situation occurred from April onwards. Besides, the Agency is currently preparing an additional package of COVID-19 related online services, to be rolled out soon.

Conclusion: The MB took note of the report.

ITEM 7. Planning and Budgeting

ITEM 7.1 Short update on the new CEPOL Business model, incl. Expert Group's opinion

Presenter : Dr.h.c. Detlef SCHROEDER, Executive Director, Mr. José LEITÃO, Co-Chair of the Expert Group

Took the Floor : -

The **Executive Director** recalled that the Expert Group on the New Business Model started its work before the crisis and was interrupted by it. **Mr. José LEITÃO, Co-Chair of the Expert Group** added that the Group will resume its work soon.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 7.2 Portfolio planning for 2021

Presenter : Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations; Executive Director

Took the Floor : Finland

In her presentation, **Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations** informed the MB about the distributed timelines for both the Call for Framework Partners and the Call for Grants 2021. The

Executive Director added that the distributed document on the planned activities for 2021 is only showing the current state of play, but the Agency is still collecting feedback from FPs on their residential activity delivering capacities, and eventual cancellations might have a spill over effect on the planned activities for 2021, as well. He also mentioned that a new, second CEPOL Knowledge Centre will be proposed to focus on Law Enforcement Cooperation, Information Exchange, and Interoperability.

Replying to the question of **Finland** on the foreseen number of CKCs in the future, **Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations** informed that the indicated two CKCs are reflecting the current anticipations of needs, but the outcomes of the new EU-STNA might bring in new thematic areas for consideration. Regarding the relative costliness of the cybercrime related training activities she explained, that indeed, due to the nature of these types of training activities - being organised mostly in the Cybercrime Academy as hands-on trainings with a longer training duration and for a larger audience - they are relatively costly.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 7.3 Update on CEPOL's Liaison Office in Brussels

<i>Presenter</i>	: Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: -

Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations gave an update regarding CEPOL's Liaison Office in Brussels. The office has been operational since 18 November 2019, and the Liaison Officer participates in many relevant meetings in Brussels. For further reference, she also mentioned the detailed summary of meetings and events covered by the Liaison Officer by 31 March 2020, tabled for the Management Board.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 7.4 Update on the new CEPOL Building

<i>Presenter</i>	: Dr.h.c. Detlef SCHROEDER, Executive Director
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: -

The **Executive Director** regretted to inform the Management Board that no developments have taken place regarding the new CEPOL Building.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 8. Core Business

ITEM 8.1 Update on EU-STNA and OTNA

<i>Presenter</i>	: Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: -

Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations referred to the written statement distributed for this agenda item and invited participants to ask questions. No question was raised.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 8.2 Short update on CEPOL Higher Education

<i>Presenter</i>	: Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: -

Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations referred to the written statement distributed for this agenda item and invited participants to ask questions. No question was raised.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 8.3 Short update on CEPOL's Digital Learning Services

Presenter : Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations
Took the Floor : Finland

Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations referred to the written statement distributed for this agenda item and invited participants to ask questions. Answering **Finland**, she explained that the content of eNet has already been migrated to LEEed; however, the user account configurations require some further technical settings. These will be solved by the contractor shortly.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 8.4 International cooperation projects

Presenter : Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations
Took the Floor : -

Mrs. Mailis PUKONEN, Head of Operations gave a short update on the 4 new projects of CEPOL. **CT-INFLOW** and **EUROMED Police** have recently started, while the **TOPCOP** project contract is expected to be received in the coming days. Before signing the agreement, the Management Board will be contacted on the related amendment of the SPD 2020, via Written Procedure.

Regarding the **Western Balkans project against Crime and Terrorism (WB PaCT)**, negotiations with Commission services are in their final phase with a view to inception as of 1 July 2020.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 9. Provisional Annual Accounts 2019 and the opinion of external auditors

Presenter : Mr. Roeland Woldhuis, Head of Corporate Services Department
Took the Floor : -

Mr. Roeland Woldhuis, Head of Corporate Services Department referred to the written statement distributed for this agenda item and invited participants to ask questions. No question was raised.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 10. Regulatory matters

ITEM 10.1 Voting on implementing rules

Presenter : Mr. Roeland Woldhuis, Head of Corporate Services Department
Took the Floor : -

Mr. Roeland Woldhuis, Head of Corporate Services Department gave a short introduction regarding draft MB decision 11/2020/MB and 16/2020/MB. These decisions formalise the non-application of both Commission Decisions C(2013)9028 and C(2019)2548 in the Agency. This is justified by the fact that the majority of temporary staff, and contract staff in the Agency do not fall under the scope of the said Commission Decisions. The **Chair** invited the MB members to vote on the draft decision **11/2020/MB**.

Voting results: In favour: 25 members; **Against:** 0; **Abstained:** 2 (Romania and Sweden, as not represented for voting)

Conclusion: The MB has adopted 11/2020/MB

The **Chair** invited the MB members to vote on the draft decision **16/2020/MB**.

Voting results: In favour: 25 members; **Against:** 0; **Abstained:** 2 (Romania and Sweden, as not represented for voting)

Conclusion: The MB has adopted 16/2020/MB

ITEM 11. AOB

<i>Presenter</i>	: <i>Chair</i>
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: -

The **Chair** informed the Assembly that no proposal has been submitted for AOB.

Conclusion: The MB took note

ITEM 12. Closing of the meeting

<i>Presenter</i>	: <i>Dr.Kimmo HIMBERG, MB Chair</i>
<i>Took the Floor</i>	: <i>Ireland</i>

The **Chair** thanked the participants and presenters for their attendance and contribution and announced that the next online MB meeting will take place on **30 June 2020, at 10:00 CEST.**

Ireland thanked the Chair for its hard work in chairing the Management Board meetings and congratulated the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair.

Tampere, 3 July 2020

Budapest, 3 August 2020

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Dr.Kimmo HIMBERG
Chair of CEPOL Management Board
1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020

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Dr.h.c. Detlef SCHROEDER
Executive Director of CEPOL

Annex 1 – List of Meeting Participants

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Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board:

Country	First Name	Last Name
FINLAND (Chair)	Kimmo	HIMBERG
CROATIA (Deputy Chair)	Danijela	PETKOVIC

Members/Alternate members designated to replace a voting member:

Country/Institution	First Name	Last Name
AUSTRIA	Norbert	LEITNER
BELGIUM	Alain	RUELLE
BULGARIA (alternate member)	Milorad	YORDANOV
CROATIA	Iva	BALGAC
CYPRUS	Themistos	ARNAOUTIS
CZECH REPUBLIC (alternate member)	Zora	VALASKOVA
ESTONIA	Kalvi	ALMOSEN
European Commission – DG HOME (alternate member)	Laurent	MUSCHEL
FINLAND	Lotta	PARJANEN
FRANCE (alternate member)	Ingrid	PEYRATOU
GERMANY	Uwe	MARQUARDT
GREECE	Avraam	AIVAZIDIS
HUNGARY	Emese	HORVACZY
IRELAND (alternate member)	Brian	CONWAY
ITALY (alternate member)	Lorena	CAPOLUPO
LATVIA	Inese	VOLOSEVICA
LITHUANIA	Darius	URBONAS
LUXEMBOURG	Marc	WELTER
MALTA	Angelo	GAFA
NETHERLANDS	Sandra	WIJKHUIJS
POLAND (alternate member)	Piotr	SOCHACKI
PORTUGAL	Jose	LEITAO
ROMANIA	-	-
SLOVAKIA (alternate member)	Stanislav	STRAKA
SLOVENIA	Danijel	ZIBRET
SPAIN (alternate member)	Jose Alberto	RAMIREZ VAZQUEZ
SWEDEN	-	-

Member State observers:

AUSTRIA	Gerhard	HABERLER
AUSTRIA	Carina	MAYER
CYPRUS	Stelios	GAVRIEL
CZECH REPUBLIC	Jan	PECHÁČEK
ESTONIA	Dorel	KÄOSAAR
FINLAND	Pasi	KEMPPAINEN
FINLAND	Antti	TALVITIE
FRANCE	Magali	CHASSERIAU
GREECE	Maria Areti	KYRITSI
ITALY	Massimo	TULINI
LATVIA	Ieva	KLAVINA
LUXEMBOURG	David	CHENUT
NETHERLANDS	Ronald	BRON
POLAND	Anna	GRUNT
PORTUGAL	Hugo	CRUZ
PORTUGAL	Rui	ALFARO PEREIRA
PORTUGAL	João	OLIVEIRA
ROMANIA	Calin	BALAEI
SLOVENIA	Egidij	GLAVIC
SPAIN	Roberto	WHYTE FLORES
SWEDEN	Ulf	SYDORF

Other observers:

Institution	First Name	Last Name
European Commission – DG HOME	Cristina	CALABRÓ
Chair of Internal Audit Panel	Katarzyna	KLIMCZAK-SYCH

CEPOL HQ:

Function	First Name	Last Name
Executive Director	Detlef	SCHRÖDER
Head of Operations Department	Mailis	PUKONEN
Head of Corporate Services Department	Roeland	WOLDHUIS
Head of Training and Research Unit	Agnieszka	BIEGAJ
Governance Assistant (Outcomes)	Gyorgy	ISPANKI
Governance Support Assistant	Cecilia	DUBOIS
e-Learning Assistant	Francesco	LA FORGIA