

DECISION 04/2007/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
ON WORKING WITH THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

Adopted by the Governing Board
on 8 March 2007

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to the report of the Training and Research Committee “The Bologna Process” ⁽¹⁾;

Whereas:

- (1) Courses and seminars of the European Police College (hereinafter referred to as “CEPOL”) do not meet Article 1 of the Lisbon Convention regarding higher education ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Even when CEPOL activities are carried out by accredited Universities or Academies, the activities as such are not part of a recognised higher educational system.
- (3) Implementing relevant aspects of the Bologna process will contribute to more transparency towards network partners and emphasises the European approach of a European Police College.
- (4) Selectively adopting relevant aspects of the Bologna Process will lead to quality improvement and to synchronisation of daily practice of the network police universities and the activities carried out to execute CEPOL’s Annual Programme of activities.
- (5) At least the following actions of the Bologna process have a legitimate basis to be followed up:
 - Exchange of students (senior police officers) and trainers as part of an educational programme ⁽³⁾;
 - Implementation of the European quality standards in Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾;
 - European dimension ⁽⁵⁾;
 - Contributing to lifelong learning;
 - The shift from lecturing and teaching to learning ⁽⁶⁾;
 - Students to acquire the competencies employers are looking for, such as:
 - cultural maturity ⁽⁷⁾,
 - language skills ⁽⁸⁾;
 - Emphasis on Scientific Research ⁽⁹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Document does not carry a date; version as tabled to the 7th meeting of the Governing Board of the European Police College.

⁽²⁾ All types of courses of study, or sets of courses of study, training or training for research at the post secondary level which are recognized by the relevant authorities of a Party as belonging to its higher education system.

⁽³⁾ Article 7(g) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA (OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63); currently carried out under the AGIS Programme.

⁽⁴⁾ In the report “Introduction into Quality Management” (tabled to the 6th meeting of the Governing Board as Annex 7.2) it is proposed to implement these criteria, following the 9 boxes of EFQM.

⁽⁵⁾ Article 6(1) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA.

⁽⁶⁾ Reference to “Quality in 13 Questions” and “Train-the-Trainer” programme.

⁽⁷⁾ The plural culturalism amongst participants, trainers and lectures contributes to cultural maturity.

⁽⁸⁾ Article 7(i) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA.

⁽⁹⁾ Article 7(d) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA.

- (6) The Bologna process is on the agenda of many of CEPOL's network partners for the following reasons:
- they are or will be soon a police University;
 - they cooperate with a University,
 - they have outsourced the training to a University;
 - they are interested in the developments of the Bologna Process ⁽¹⁰⁾.
- (7) As the underlying principles of the Bologna Process can strengthen CEPOL's core value of being in search of educational excellence it is desirable to adopt the following decision.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Training and Research Committee shall
 - a. follow the Bologna Process in order to identify developments that can be beneficial to the European Police College (hereinafter referred to as "CEPOL"), also regarding the developments within the Network of European Tertiary Level Education and the European Qualification Framework.
 - b. follow the so-called Bruges-Copenhagen Process aiming at enhanced European cooperation in Vocational Education and Training in order to identify developments that can be beneficial to CEPOL, especially to support the harmonisation of national police training in Europe.
 - c. prepare a current survey within the Member States whether they have already adjusted the national training courses for middle or higher ranking police officers according to the criteria of the Bologna Process or whether they are in the process or intending to do so and make suggestions for CEPOL's aim to support the harmonisation of the European national police training systems.
 - d. explore the possibilities and consequences to award certain CEPOL Activities with ECTS or ECVET.
2. CEPOL shall
 - a. create a Bologna platform to facilitate the exchange of good practices and further study and development of underlying principles and consequences of the Bologna Process; for reasons of efficiency in cooperation with partners outside of CEPOL.
 - b. disseminate information on international modules elaborated in the Member States according to the Bologna criteria so that the national training institutes

⁽¹⁰⁾ The Association of European Police Colleges recently organised a conference on this topic in Bucharest, 25 October 2006 and is in the stage of planning a follow-up conference in Turkey in 2007.

may use them for implementation and for facilitating the exchange of police officers or police students.

3. The CEPOL Secretariat shall support the Annual Programme Committee to prepare a certified modular course in International Police Cooperation as a joint project with six to eight colleges.

Article 2

This decision shall take effect on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Münster, 8 March 2007

For the Governing Board

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