

DECISION 23/2007/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

**LAYING DOWN DETAILED RULES FOR DETERMINATION, ELECTION AND
SUCCESSION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES,
WORKING GROUPS, PROJECT GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS**

Adopted by the Governing Board
on 26 September 2007

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(10) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Strategy Committee, submitted by the Portuguese Presidency of the European Police College ⁽²⁾;

Whereas:

- (1) It is desirable to establish deputy chairs in all Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups.
- (2) The role of deputy chairs should be clarified.
- (3) Based on the advantage of having a new chair or a new deputy chair who is already familiar with the working methods of the committee or group, deputy chairs should succeed the chairmanship and should also take over any interim chairmanship in case the chair temporarily lays down the chairmanship.
- (4) Decision 10/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College establishing Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups and laying down rules governing the creation of Committees and Groups ⁽³⁾ should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1
Amendment*

Decision 10/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College establishing Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups and laying down rules governing the creation of Committees and Groups ⁽³⁾ is amended as follows:

1. Article 6 is replaced by the following:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

⁽²⁾ Draft outcome of proceedings of the 7th meeting of the Strategy Committee, Item 7.1.

⁽³⁾ Adopted by the Governing Board on 22.5.2007; Decision as last amended by Decision 21/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College (adopted by the Governing Board in a written procedure on 15.9.2007).

“Article 6

*Chairs, deputy chairs and members of Working Groups,
Project Groups and Sub-groups*

1. Chairs, deputy chairs and members of Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups shall be experts nominated by Member States.
 2. Chairs, deputy chairs and members of Working Groups and Project Groups shall be determined by the Committee the Working Group or Project Group is assigned to on a proposal of the chair of the Committee. The Governing Board shall approve the decision of the Committee.
 3. Chairs, deputy chairs and members of Sub-groups shall be determined by the Working Group the Sub-group is assigned to on a proposal of the chair of the Working Group. The Committee the Working Group is assigned to shall approve the decision of the Working Group and inform the Governing Board about it.
 4. The chairs of Working Groups and Project Groups shall be involved in the selection of members of their Working Group or Project Group.
 5. Chairs, deputy chairs and members shall serve for a period of three years; re-nominations are possible for a total period which shall not exceed six years.”
2. The following Article 6a is inserted:

*“Article 6a
Deputy chairs*

1. Deputy chairs of Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups shall succeed the chairs except for the Strategy Committee and the Budget and Administration Committee.
2. Deputy chairs of Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups shall take the role of the chair when the chair is unavailable to do so, in particular for reasons of absence or conflict of interests.
3. For Committees the chair shall only be regarded as unavailable for reasons of absence when no representative of the Member State holding the chairmanship, having been appointed in accordance with Article 5 of this Decision, is present.”

3. Articles 7 and 8 are replaced by the following:

“Article 7

*Limit of Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups
one Member State or representative of a Member State respectively can chair*

1. A Member State holding the Presidency of the European Union shall not hold the chairmanship or deputy chairmanship of any Committee apart from the Strategy Committee and the Budget and Administration Committee and temporarily lay down the chairmanship or deputy chairmanship if necessary. In case the chairmanship is temporarily laid down the current deputy chair shall act as interim chair. The Committee shall elect an interim deputy chair.
2. The representative of a Member State being chair of the Governing Board, the Strategy Committee or the Budget and Administration Committee shall not hold the chairmanship or deputy chairmanship of any Working Group, Project Group or Sub-group and temporarily lay down the chairmanship or deputy chairmanship if necessary. In case the chairmanship is temporarily laid down the current deputy chair shall act as interim chair. The Working Group, Project Group or Sub-group shall elect an interim deputy chair.

Article 8

Up-dated list of the composition of the Committees

Whenever the chairmanship, deputy chairmanship or the membership of a Committee changes in accordance with Articles 3, 4 or 6a of this Decision, the CEPOL Secretariat shall draw up an up-dated list of the composition of the Committees.”

Article 2

Transitional Provision

Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-groups without a deputy chair in office shall elect a deputy chair at their next meeting. Chairs of Working Groups and Project groups shall inform the Committee the Working Group or Project Group is assigned to about an election, which shall inform the Governing Board accordingly. Chairs of Sub-groups shall inform the Working Group the Sub-group is assigned to about an election, which shall inform the Committee they are assigned to accordingly, which shall inform the Governing Board about it.

Article 3
Entry into force

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

Done at Lisbon, 26 September 2007

For the Governing Board
Carla Falua
Chair of the Governing Board