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DECISION 12/2008/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
ADOPTING CEPOL'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS POLICY

Adopted by the Governing Board
on 20 May 2008

Amended by:

- **M1** Decision 33/2008/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College amending Decision 12/2008/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College adopting CEPOL's external relations policy, adopted by the Governing Board on 11.12.2008

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THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof;

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

Whereas:

CEPOL should have an External Relations Policy.

HAS ADOPTED the External Relations Policy as detailed in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Bled, 20 May 2008

*For the Governing Board
Nevenka Tomovič
Chair of the Governing Board*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

⁽²⁾ Draft Outcome of Proceedings of the 10th meeting of the Strategy Committee; item 8.1.



CEPOL EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Acronyms:

ACC :	Acceding Country
ASC :	Associated Country
ATOC :	At their own costs
CC :	Candidate Country
CEDEFOP :	European Agency to promote the Development of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the European Union.
EMCDDA :	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
ENP :	European Neighbourhood Policy Country
ERWG :	External Relations Working Group (CEPOL)
ETF :	European Training Foundation
EXP :	Expert
INV :	Invited
FRONTEX :	(from French: Frontières extérieures, legally: European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union)
IGO :	Inter-governmental Organisation
NCP :	National Contact Point (CEPOL)
NGO :	Non-governmental Organisation
OBS :	Observer
PCC :	Potential Candidate Country

I - LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Article 8 of the Council Decision 2005/681/JHA establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) and repealing decision 2000/820/JHA deals with cooperation with other bodies as follows:

"Cooperation with other bodies

1. CEPOL may cooperate with relevant bodies of the European Union in the field of law enforcement and other related areas and with relevant training bodies in Europe.
2. CEPOL may cooperate with national training institutes of non-member States of the European Union, in particular with those of the candidate countries, as well as with those of Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

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3. The Governing Board may authorise the Director of CEPOL to negotiate cooperation agreements with any of the bodies mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2. Such cooperation agreements may be concluded only with the authorisation of the Governing Board. Cooperation agreements with bodies of non-member States of the European Union can only be concluded after the approval of the Council has been obtained.
4. CEPOL may take into account recommendations made by Europol and/or the Task Force of Chiefs of Police of the Member States of the EU, without prejudice to the rules governing the adoption of the CEPOL work programme."

II – RULES OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Requests for cooperation with CEPOL should be addressed to the CEPOL Secretariat which should forward them to the CEPOL Presidency and the Chair of External Relations Working Group (ERWG).

In case the answer to a request does not follow directly from this policy paper, the ERWG should present the request and a proposal thereof to the Strategy Committee; thereafter a decision is taken by the Governing Board.

The CEPOL Presidency representing the Governing Board and the Director are responsible for contacts with relevant EU Institutions (Parliament, Council, and Commission) and the implementation of priorities. There is no need for an agreement.

The external relations of CEPOL (ER) shall be managed as follows:

1) European bodies

- **EU agencies and bodies**

- ✓ **3rd pillar Law enforcement agencies: Europol and Eurojust**

- In accordance with Article 8 of the Council Decision of 20 September 2005, if the cooperation with EU agencies becomes permanent, an agreement has to be negotiated by the Director of CEPOL.

- If the cooperation is not permanent, there may be informal contacts between the Agencies and the secretariat. The Director will report to the CEPOL Presidency and the Chair of ERWG.

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✓ **1st and 2nd pillars EU bodies and Agencies**

The same principles apply for the agencies whose tasks may have some bearing on CEPOL's activities, such as the EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction), the ETF (European Training Foundation), CEDEFOP (European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training) or FRONTEX (Border Agency).

• **EU networks:**

The EU networks expressing a will to cooperate should contact the Director/Secretariat. The Director will report to the CEPOL Presidency and the Chair of ERWG.

✓ **Senior Police Officers training academies of EU Member States**

These academies should address requests of attendance to their CEPOL National Contact Point (NCP). The requests sent directly to the Secretariat, should be forwarded to the NCP, with copy to the CEPOL Presidency and the Chair of ERWG.

✓ **European Associations and networks in the field of Police officers training**

Those associations may contact the Director/Secretariat for cooperation. Their requests will be reported to the ERWG for first discussion. If necessary, the ERWG will pass on the request to the Strategy Committee, and final decision will be reached by the Governing Board. They may be involved as observers in CEPOL activities.

The acceptance of European body experts should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

2) Acceding Countries (ACC)

Those Countries are invited to one Governing Board meeting per presidency at CEPOL's cost. They can attend, as observers, committee meetings at their own costs (ATOC). They are invited as experts in ERWG meetings (their costs will be reimbursed by CEPOL following the applicable rules). Like Member States, ACC are authorised to send trainees, as well as experts, in CEPOL activities. They may send delegates to conferences. They may also host and organise CEPOL courses and conferences.

The acceptance of Acceding Countries experts should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

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3) Candidate Countries (CC)

This case refers to Official Candidate Countries. Delegates from ERWG, the CEPOL Presidency and the Secretariat of CEPOL should establish contacts during fact finding missions in these countries; in order to meet National Contact Points appointed by the authorities of the CC. CC are invited in ERWG meetings (ATOC).

Training institutes for senior officers of CC should be involved in CEPOL activities according to the below table, via their National Contact Points. In line with the EU policy, cooperation agreements should be established between CEPOL and training institutes of CC willing to be part in CEPOL activities.

The acceptance of Candidate Countries experts should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

4) Associated Countries (ASC)

Schengen Member States or Schengen functionalities users are to be placed in this category. They have to sign a cooperation agreement. They participate in CEPOL activities at their own costs (ATOC).

They are invited in Governing Board, committees and ERWG meetings as observers (ATOC). ASC are authorised to send trainees (ATOC), as well as experts, in CEPOL activities. They may send delegates to conferences. They may also host and organise CEPOL courses and conferences.

The acceptance of Associated Countries experts should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

5) Potential Candidate Countries (PCC) and ENP Countries (ENP)

Those countries are mainly covered by specific financial programmes run by the Commission.

CEPOL reaffirms its willingness to cooperate in this regard, using preferably non-CEPOL funds.

If course organisers or a CEPOL group wish to invite trainees or if Potential Candidate Countries and ENP Countries ask to send trainees (ATOC) to CEPOL activities, they should report to the Director who will contact/inform the Chair of the ERWG for advice and the Chair of the Governing Board for decision. Final decisions are communicated to the Governing Board at its next session.

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Experts/lecturers have to undergo the same procedure as the one described for trainees in the previous paragraph.

The acceptance of experts from Potential Candidate Countries and ENP Countries should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

6) All non EU Member States and bodies in non EU Member States (NON-EU)

Relevant governmental bodies, inter-governmental organisations (IGOs), non governmental organisations (NGOs), universities, non-EU networks, national training institutes of non EU Member States feature in this category.

If the cooperation with non EU Member States/bodies has to become permanent, an agreement should be negotiated by the Director of CEPOL and in full cooperation with the Presidency and the ERWG Chair presented to the Governing Board following the applicable rules.

If the cooperation is not permanent, non EU Member States/bodies should contact the Director. The Director will report that request to the CEPOL Presidency and the Chair of ERWG.

If course organisers or a CEPOL group wish to invite trainees or if NON-EU member States ask to send trainees (ATOC) to CEPOL activities, they should report to the Director who will contact/inform the Chair of the ERWG for advice and the Chair of the Governing Board for decision. Final decisions are communicated to the Governing Board at its next session.

Experts/lecturers have to undergo the same procedure as the one described for trainees in the previous paragraph.

The acceptance of NON-EU experts should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

7) Private sector

CEPOL may cooperate with the private sector for training purposes. The acceptance of this cooperation should be included in the commitment forms designed by the secretariat.

The involvement of the private sector should be discussed in the Annual Programme Committee and Strategy Committee.

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III – CALCULATION OF THE COSTS

The following table summarises the different types of involvement in CEPOL activities.

COUNTRIES – BODIES / ACTIVITIES	<i>ACCEDING Countries</i>	<i>CANDIDATE Countries</i>	<i>ASSOCIATED Countries</i>	<i>POT. CAND. & ENP Countries</i>	<i>NON-EU Countries/ bodies</i>	<i>Private sector</i>
CEPOL ORGANS						
<i>Governing Board</i>	EXP 1/2	NO	OBS	NO	NO	NO
<i>Committees</i>	INV OBS	NO	INV OBS	NO	NO	NO
<i>ERWG</i>	INV EXP	INV EXP	INV OBS	INV ⁽¹⁾ OBS	NO	NO
TRAINING						
<i>Organisation</i>	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
<i>Accommodation ⁽²⁾</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
<i>Travel</i>	YES ⁽³⁾	YES ⁽³⁾	NO	NO	NO	NO
<i>Trainees</i>	YES	YES (ATOC) ⁽⁴⁾	YES (ATOC)	YES** (ATOC)	YES** (ATOC)	NO
<i>Experts</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES**	YES**	YES
<i>Conference</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES**	YES***

OBS: observer

EXP: expert

INV: invited

ATOC: at their own costs. Organising country will decide the price and will collect directly funds from the non EU participant.

** Subject to approval mentioned above (II-6).

*** If invited by the organiser

⁽¹⁾ If involved in a topic of the agenda.

⁽²⁾ That is to say to offer a venue, food, accommodation and domestic transport.

⁽³⁾ For up to ten participants per year; No 3.3.9 of Decision 30/2006/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College laying down administrative rules, commitments and guidelines for its courses and seminars (adopted by the Governing Board on 27.9.2006; Decision as last amended by Decision 25/2008/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College, adopted by the Governing Board on 26.9.2008) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

⁽⁴⁾ In the case of the activities organised according to Article 7(f) of the Council Decision dated 20 September 2005 ("training for police authorities from the Candidate Countries, including training for police officers with a key role"), Candidate Countries are invited (no reimbursement asked by organisers) in the same conditions as those applying for all CEPOL course participants.

**CURRENT LIST OF THE EXTERNAL CONTACTS OF CEPOL**

COUNTRY/BODY	TYPE OF COOPERATION
<i>EU AGENCY</i>	
Europol	Cooperation agreement. Europol is invited at meetings and courses (as observer or expert).
Eurojust	Cooperation agreement in process
Frontex	Cooperation agreement in process
Olaf	
ESDC	
<i>EU NETWORK</i>	
EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network)	
ENFSI	
<i>ASSOCIATION</i>	
AEPC	Memorandum of understanding - Observers in CEPOL meeting
MEPA	Observers in CEPOL meeting
NBPA	Observers in CEPOL meeting
<i>CC</i>	
Croatia	Cooperation agreement needed
FYROM	Cooperation agreement needed
Turkey	Cooperation agreement needed
<i>ASC</i>	
Iceland	Cooperation agreement
Norway	Cooperation agreement
Switzerland	Cooperation agreement
<i>POTENTIAL CC</i>	
Albania	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Montenegro	
Serbia	
Kosovo	
<i>NON EU MEMBER STATE</i>	
Russia	On going process
<i>MEDA COUNTRY</i>	
<i>ORGANISATION</i>	
INTERPOL	Cooperation Agreement (to be concluded)
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COUNTRY/BODY	TYPE OF COOPERATION
<i>NON EU AGENCY</i>	
FBI	On going process
Canadian Police College	On going process
Nayef Arab University for Security Sciences	On going process