

DECISION 28/2008/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF

NATIONAL RESEARCH AND SCIENCE CORRESPONDENTS

Adopted by the Governing Board
on 26 September 2008

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 7(d) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal of the Training and Research Committee ⁽²⁾, submitted by Italy;

Having regard to the opinion of the Strategy Committee ⁽³⁾;

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 7(d) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA one of CEPOL's tasks is to disseminate best practice and research findings.
- (2) In order to support CEPOL's activities, an effective exchange of knowledge and expertise within the existing CEPOL structure is necessary. It is essential to have designated police research experts in all Member States, who are familiar with police research and science activities, projects and institutions in their countries and who know as well the needs and demands of CEPOL in the field of research and science.
- (3) Therefore an expert network of National Research and Science Correspondents should be established.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Scope

This decision shall establish a network of National Research and Science Correspondents of participating Members States and define tasks and profile of the National Research and Science Correspondents.

Article 2
Basic principles

The network of National Research and Science Correspondents shall develop channels of communication exchange and establish closer cooperation between scientists and researchers on the one side and trainers, lecturers and course

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

⁽²⁾ 10th meeting of the Training and Research Committee, item 5.4.2.

⁽³⁾ 12th meeting of the Strategy Committee, item 10.

organisers on the other side. The work of the National Research and Science Correspondents shall not be financed from CEPOL's budget.

Preferably National Research and Science Correspondents shall be members of the national police or national police training organisations. If no experts are available within the police or police training organisation within one of the Member States, the exceptional nomination of an external National Research and Science Correspondent should be possible.

Article 3

Appointment of National Research and Science Correspondents

Participating Member States shall appoint a National Research and Science Correspondent for a period of at least two years, who shall work through the National Contact Point. National Research and Science Correspondents may be supported by additional staff.

Article 4

Tasks of National Research and Science Correspondents

National Research and Science Correspondents shall in particular

1. identify and disseminate information on different policing areas relating to national scientific institutes, centres, publications and experts;
2. impart international contact, knowledge, information and support to national police researchers, research institutes and police organisations;
3. provide scientific advice to CEPOL's learning and training activities;
4. initiate, organise and manage continuous update of the research and science part of CEPOL's e-Library;
5. identify and disseminate information relating to partners interested in comparative policing research projects, including national and European funding opportunities;
6. support and market CEPOL's Research and Science Bulletin;
7. provide support in organising CEPOL's Annual Police Research and Science Conferences;
8. participate in annual network meetings and in CEPOL's annual Research and Science Conferences;

9. stay in close contact with CEPOL's National e-Net Manager.

Article 5

Profile of National Research and Science Correspondents

National Research and Science Correspondents shall

1. have knowledge of police research and police science, and be familiar with "security research" as added value;
2. have good command of the English language;
3. be able to give qualified appreciation and evaluation of project results and scientific studies;
4. have active and good access, contacts and communication to national researchers, research institutions, universities and to the national police organisation/s;
5. have sound communication skills;
6. have up-to-date computer and web literacy;
7. have searching skills, i.e. the ability to find, screen and select relevant information;
8. have dissemination skills, i.e. the ability to distribute relevant information to suitable channels.

Article 6

Annual Meetings

The CEPOL Secretariat shall annually organise a meeting of the National Research and Science Correspondents. Notwithstanding Sentence 2 of Article 2 of this Decision the organisation and reimbursement of the annual meetings shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions for Working Groups of Decision 8/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College laying down rules governing the organisation of meetings and the reimbursement of expenditure for attending and organising meetings of the Governing Board, Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups, Ad Hoc Working Groups and Sub Groups and Hand-over Meetings ⁽¹⁾, which shall apply by analogy.

⁽¹⁾ Adopted by the Governing Board on 8.3.2007; Decision as last amended by Decision 28/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College (adopted by the Governing Board on 27.11.2007).

*Article 7
Cooperation Partners*

If a cooperation agreement concluded by CEPOL provides for the participation in CEPOL's network of National Research and Science Correspondents, the provisions of this Decision shall apply by analogy to the cooperation partner.

*Article 8
Entry into force*

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

Done at Paris, 26 September 2008

*For the Governing Board
Emile Pérez
Chair of the Governing Board*