DECISION 13/2009/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT PANEL

AND AMENDING DECISION 10/2007/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

Adopted by the Governing Board
on 26 May 2009
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 10(10) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal of the Budget and Administration Committee, submitted by the Czech Presidency of CEPOL (2);

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

Whereas:

(1) The Governing Board has very comprehensive responsibilities related to the audit process, the system of internal control and the financial reporting process.

(2) In the course of regular meetings of the Governing Board the required and desired attention to these matters cannot be given.

(3) Therefore an Audit Panel to deal exclusively with these matters should be established.

(4) In order to combine political, strategic and subject related expertise, the Audit Panel should be composed of two Voting Members of the Governing Board, who should chair and deputy chair the Audit Panel, and of three further experts, who should be nominated by elected Member States and appointed by the Governing Board.

(5) Due to the responsibilities of the Director he/she should attend all meetings of the Audit Panel and ensure that all necessary information is provided. However, the Audit Panel should have the possibility to invite any staff member of the CEPOL Secretariat to provide pertinent information.

(6) Considering the subjects to be discussed, the Audit Panel should have the possibility to meet in closed session with only the members being present.

(7) The remit of the Budget and Administration Committee should be adapted accordingly to avoid any conflict of responsibilities with the Audit Panel.

(8) The Audit Panel should be regarded as a Committee in accordance with Article 1(1) of 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 (4) in order to ensure clear references, in particular to provisions

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(2) 14th meeting of the Budget and Administration Committee; item 6.
(3) 15th meeting of the Strategy Committee; item 11.
dealing with the functioning of the Audit Panel and the organisation and reimbursement of meetings of the Audit Panel.

(9) It is therefore desirable to adopt the following decision.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

**Article 1**

Decision 10/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College is amended as follows:

1. Annex 1 is replaced by the text in Annex 1 to this Decision.
2. Annex A2 is replaced by the text in Annex 2 to this Decision.
3. Annex A5 is added as detailed in Annex 3 to this Decision.

**Article 2**

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

Done at Český Krumlov, 26 May 2009

*For the Governing Board*

*Helena Tomková*

*Chair of the Governing Board*
A. Committees:
1. Strategy Committee (SC) Annex A1
2. Budget and Administration Committee (BAC) Annex A2
3. Annual Programme Committee (APC) Annex A3
4. Training and Research Committee (TRC) Annex A4
5. Audit Panel (AP) Annex A5

B. Working Groups:

C. Project Groups:
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D. Sub-groups:
4. Common Curriculum Sub-group “Counter-Terrorism” (CC05/A) Annex A4.B3.D1
Budget and Administration Committee (BAC)

Chair:
Chair of the Governing Board

Members:
Incoming Chair of the Governing Board
Former Chair of the Governing Board
Austria (2)
Denmark (1)
Germany (1)
Greece (3)
Hungary (3)
Romania (3)
Slovakia (1)
Sweden (2)
United Kingdom (2)

Purpose:
The BAC shall make proposals and recommendations to the Governing Board on financial and administrative matters as far as not in the remit of the Audit Panel.

Objectives:
The BAC shall provide the Governing Board with support, policy advice and the information necessary for the development and monitoring of strategies which will ensure the delivery of the objectives laid down in Council Decision 2005/681/JHA (1).

Tasks:
The BAC shall, in particular
1. advice on budget related proposals of the Director (pre-estimation, draft estimate, draft budget);
2. advice on the implementation of the budget (e.g. transfers);
3. advice on decisions with financial impact, also in cooperation with other Committees;
4. advice on decisions regarding administrative matters (e.g. personnel administration, facility management, IT management).

Number of meetings:
The BAC shall have no more than four ordinary meetings per year.”

Annex 3
“Annex A5

Audit Panel
(AP)

Chair:
tbd

Deputy Chair:
tbd

Members:
tbd
tbd
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The Governing Board shall elect among its Voting Members chair and deputy chair of the AP. In addition, the Governing Board shall elect three Member States for nominating experts for the AP; the nomination shall include a curriculum vitae of the proposed expert. The Governing Board shall appoint the chair, deputy chair and three members for an initial period of three years, extendable once for up to three additional years. Articles 3 to 5 and Article 6a(1) and (3) of this Decision shall not apply.

Purpose:
The AP shall assist the Governing Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility for the audit process, the system of internal control and the financial reporting process.

Objectives:
The AP shall provide the Governing Board with draft decisions, recommendations and regular information.

Tasks:
The AP shall in particular
1. follow-up the implementation of audits and assess internal audit quality and control systems;
2. review the action plans provided by the Director;
3. follow-up actions in response to analyses, assessments and recommendations of internal and external auditors;
4. in exceptional cases, make proposals to the Governing Board to request to carry out audits, where a particular need is perceived;
5. provide a draft opinion on the annual accounts in accordance with Article 16(5) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA;
6. provide a draft analysis and assessment of the Authorising Officer’s Annual Activity Report in accordance with Article 40(2) of Decision 22/2006/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College adopting the financial regulation (\(^\d\));
7. present yearly action plans and regular reports to the Governing Board.

Profile of members:
The members of the AP shall have a good understanding of CEPOL and of the subjects covered by the AP.

Support:
The Director shall attend all meetings and provide all information necessary for the AP to carry out its tasks. The AP may invite any staff member of the CEPOL Secretariat to attend a meeting to provide pertinent information. The CEPOL Secretariat shall provide secretarial support to the AP.

Closed Session:
The AP may decide to meet in closed session with only the members being present.

Number of meetings:
The AP shall have no more than four ordinary meetings per year.”

\(^{\d}\) Adopted by the Governing Board in a written procedure on 31.8.2006; Decision as last amended by Decision 32/2008/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College (adopted by the Governing Board on 11.12.2008).