

DECISION 22/2009/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

**AUTHORISING THE DIRECTOR TO CONCLUDE**

**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE**

**EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTES**

Adopted by the Governing Board  
on 6 October 2009

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof;

Having regard to the opinion of the Strategy Committee <sup>(2)</sup>;

Whereas:

- (1) The Governing Board authorised the Director to negotiate a cooperation agreement with the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (hereinafter referred to as “ENFSI”) at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on 26-27 May 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) The negotiations of a cooperation agreement between ENFSI and CEPOL have been finalised in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding.
- (3) It is appropriate the Memorandum of Understanding, which will in particular support CEPOL’s objectives and tasks as laid down in Articles 6 and 7 of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA, is concluded.
- (4) It is therefore desirable to authorise the Director to sign the negotiated Memorandum of Understanding.

HAS AUTHORISED the Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with ENFSI as contained in the Annex.

Done at Kolmården, 6 October 2009

*For the Governing Board*

*Ebba Sverne Arvill  
Chair of the Governing Board*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63

<sup>(2)</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Strategy Committee; item 9.3.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of Proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board; item 13.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTES**  
**AND**  
**THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE (CEPOL)**

It is in the interest of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (hereinafter referred to as ENFSI) and the European Police College (hereinafter referred to as CEPOL) to enhance their capacity to co-operate in the areas of information exchange and training.

The purpose of ENFSI is to improve the quality of forensic science throughout Europe. It is a network of national forensic science institutes. An essential part of that improvement is the use made of forensic science institutions and awareness of their capabilities by those that work within the criminal justice systems throughout Europe.

CEPOL's mission is to help train the senior police officers of the Member States by optimising cooperation between CEPOL's various components. CEPOL shall support and develop a European approach to the main challenges facing the training of law enforcement officials of Member States in the fight against crime, the prevention of crime, and the maintenance of law and order and public security, in particular the cross-border dimensions thereof.

It is beneficial therefore for both institutions to share their expertise and contribute to one another's activities as appropriate.

ENFSI represented by Dr Jan de Kinder, Chairman

and

CEPOL represented by Mr Ulf Göransson, Director

Have agreed as follows:

### **1 Strategic Level**

Discussion between ENFSI and CEPOL will identify issues that the other party should be aware of for example:

- I. Advances in forensic sciences that could assist criminal investigations
- II. Development of investigative databases and their inter-relationships
- III. Use of established scientific techniques in innovative ways to meet the requirements of today's criminal activity
- IV. The dissemination of knowledge and achieving awareness among Senior Police Officers

### **2 Training Programmes**

CEPOL produces a comprehensive range of training programmes and seminars across Europe. A proportion of these programmes would benefit from the input of forensic scientists of various disciplines. ENFSI will inform CEPOL of the institutions that can deliver input into CEPOL training programmes and liaise with these institutions to provide this contribution. CEPOL will provide ENFSI members with the opportunity to give courses on topics that ENFSI feels require greater understanding and awareness to assist criminal investigation.

### **3 Databases and Information Sharing**

Within six weeks of the signature of this agreement, CEPOL and ENFSI will draw up an arrangement for sharing of data with a list of data and databases that they will shared between themselves which will be attached to the Memorandum of Understanding. The arrangement for sharing data can be limited to different levels within the respective organisations as appropriate to information shared.

### **4 Information on Websites**

The ENFSI ([www.enfsi.eu](http://www.enfsi.eu)) and the CEPOL ([www.cepola.europa.eu](http://www.cepola.europa.eu)) websites will indicate links to each other's website. ENFSI will post information about courses that are to be run by CEPOL on their website and CEPOL may post forensic matters of interest on their website for example latest developments, recent applications, cases of interest etc.

### **5 Logistic Support**

CEPOL will ensure that ENFSI members will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses and subsistence when they provide support to CEPOL seminars and conferences. In return ENFSI will provide similar support to members of CEPOL or their representative who are asked to attend ENFSI meetings.

**6 Term of Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force at the date of the last signature and shall continue for an indeterminate period. Either party may terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding at any time by notification given in writing.

Done at XX, Date

For ENFSI  
Dr Jan de Kinder  
Chairman of ENFSI

For CEPOL  
Mr Ulf Göransson  
Director of CEPOL