DECISION 26/2011/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
CHANGING THE REMIT OF THE
ANNUAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
AND AMENDING DECISION 10/2007/GB
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

Adopted by the Governing Board
via written procedure
on 11 August 2011
CEPOL – Amending APC Remits

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 and amending Decision 10/2007/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College(2) “Establishing Committees, Working Groups, Project Groups and Sub-Groups and laying down the rules governing the Creation of Committees and Groups, and in particular Annex A3 thereof;

Having regard to the letter by the Internal Audit Service to the CEPOL Director of 14 July 2011(3);

Having regard to Annex I : EC "Practical Guide to Grants"(4);

Having regard to the proposal submitted by the Director;

Whereas:

(1) It is for the Governing Board on the basis of Decision 10/2007/GB to amend the remits of Committees;

(2) The evaluation and awarding of grant agreements for the organisation of CEPOL’s activities as listed in CEPOL’s Annual Work Programme must be compliant with the provisions of Title VI of the Financial Regulation and the relevant implementing rules(5) (Annex I);

(3) The legal framework applicable to evaluation of grants aims to achieve the principles of a fair and transparent evaluation process(6);

(4) In order to ensure impartiality in the evaluation of applications, an independent evaluation committee must be mandated with the evaluation of grant applications, the members of which must be in a position to give an impartial and objective opinion on the files and have no conflict of interest with any of the proposals submitted;

(5) The remits of the Annual Programme Committee include the task to act as an evaluation committee for the Grant Agreements proposed to be awarded to Member States to be adopted by the Governing Board;

(6) The members of the Annual Programme Committee are representatives of the same Member States that apply for the grants, and therefore it is in rerum natura that they do not fulfil the above mentioned premise (see (5)).

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

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(2) Adopted by the Governing Board on 25.2.2009.
(3) Ref. Ares(2011)769687
(4) Issued by the Directorate General Budget of the European Commission in December 2010
(5) See Annex I of the Financial Regulation
(6) Letter by the Internal Audit Service to the CEPOL Director of 14 July 2011

26/2011/GB (11.08.2011)
HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. In 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 (¹), in Annex A3 under the headline “Tasks”, the following sentence is deleted:

“4. act as an evaluation committee for the Grant Agreements proposed to be awarded to Member States to be adopted by the Governing Board”

Article 2

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

Done at Warsaw, 11 August 2011

For the Governing Board

Eliza Wójcik
Chair of the Governing Board

(¹) Adopted by the Governing Board on 22.5.2007; Decision as last amended by Decision 26/2009/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College (adopted by the Governing Board on 6.10.2009).
Annex

“Annex A3

Annual Programme Committee (APC)

Chair:
France (1)

Members:
Portugal (1) (Deputy Chair)
Cyprus (3)
Czech Republic (3)
Lithuania (1)
Luxembourg (2)
Netherlands (3)
Poland (2)
Slovenia (2)

Purpose:
The APC shall make proposals and recommendations to the Governing Board on programme matters.

Objectives:
The APC 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:
APC shall, in particular
1. establish the yearly Activity Calendar;
2. give contribution and support to the Work Programme and the Annual Report;
3. support the implementation of CEPOL activities;
4. act as an evaluation committee for the Grant Agreements proposed to be awarded to Member States to be adopted by the Governing Board;
5. identify all factors conducive to a better attendance to CEPOL activities and set out all difficulties encountered and propose solutions;
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7. if necessary, elaborate audits on existing courses and seminars to improve CEPOL’s image and quality;
8. evaluate CEPOL’s learning activities;
9. analyse the Evaluation and Assessment Reports of CEPOL activities.

Number of meetings:
The APC shall have no more than four ordinary meetings per year."

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