

DECISION 27/2011/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

**APPROVING THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEPOL AND
THE ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF GEORGIA**

Adopted by the Governing Board
via written procedure
on 17 August 2011

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA¹, and in particular Articles 8 (1), (2) and (3);

Whereas:

- 1) CEPOL's External Relations Working Group has examined a Cooperation Request presented by the Academy of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia during its 14th meeting held in Lisbon, Portugal, on 2 November 2010;
- 2) The Governing Board was kept apprised of progress made on this file during its 22nd meeting in Limelette, Belgium, where it took note of the perspective of reaching a Cooperation Agreement by the end of 2011;
- 3) The Director of CEPOL has subsequently conducted a fact finding exercise in close coordination with the External Relations Working Group by means of a written questionnaire which was completed by the prospective partner and endorsed by the External Relations Working Group;
- 4) The Director of CEPOL has agreed on the text of a Cooperation Agreement with the prospective partner in July 2011;
- 5) The timescale for obtaining the approval of the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union and subsequent formal endorsement by the Council of the European Union calls for an accelerated procedure in order to respect the envisaged timeline for signature;
- 6) The Presidency of the Governing Board and the Chair of the External Relations Working Group supported the launch of a Written Procedure to obtain the Governing Board's Endorsement for the aforementioned Cooperation Agreement;
- 7) The Written Procedure which was launched on 10 August 2011 and ended on 17 August 2011 has resulted in the receipt of 11 votes in favour of the Cooperation Agreement in question;
- 8) No votes were received against this Cooperation Agreement;
- 9) Written Procedures are governed by the Silence/Assent instrument,

¹ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Written Procedure

The Cooperation Agreement between CEPOL and the Academy of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia, herein enclosed as Annex 1 to this Decision, is approved and shall be forwarded to the Council of the European Union for its formal approval.

Article 2
Entry into force

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

Done at Warsaw, 17 August 2011

For the Governing Board

Eliza Wójcik
Chair of the Governing Board

A COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

**THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
(CEPOL)**

and

**THE ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE AND THE ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, and the European Police College, hereafter referred to as CEPOL,

- Being aware of the mutual interest to enhance the effectiveness of the police forces in the fight against crime, especially cross-border crime, in Europe by conducting common trainings for senior police officers to increase knowledge of national police systems, of European co-operation instruments and mechanisms, as well as of a wide range of specific subjects, such as counter-terrorism, trafficking in narcotics and organised crime, illegal immigration, and border control or trafficking in human beings;
- Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 (hereafter referred to as Council Decision) establishing CEPOL, and in particular to Art. 8 thereof;
- Having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part of 04 August 1999;
- Having regard to the ENP Action Plan approved by the EU-Georgia Cooperation Council of 14 November 2006;
- Without prejudice to future developments in the concerned policy area which may result from the revision of the existing legal, cooperation and political framework instruments or the stipulation of future ones;
- Having regard to all decisions made by the CEPOL Governing Board including the adoption of a Policy Paper on External Relations,

have agreed as follows:

Art. 1 Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the relations between the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and CEPOL, and to establish the arrangements necessary to facilitate mutual cooperation. The exchange or dissemination of Law Enforcement Sensitive Data, including Personal Data, is not within the scope of this Agreement or any of its provisions.

Art. 2 Areas of co-operation

The co-operation as established in this Agreement shall:

- a) clarify the modalities of participation of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia to CEPOL Working Group Meetings;
- b) allow for the participation of Georgian Senior Police Officers in CEPOL training sessions, and that of EU Senior Police Officers as well as Staff of EU Agencies operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs in training sessions organized by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia ;
- c) define possible supporting activities of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia in the organisation of CEPOL training courses;
- d) further harmonise standards on police training with regard to cross-border co-operation between police forces;
- e) enhance the exchange of best practices and grant the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia access to the public sections of CEPOL's electronic network, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed through the present Cooperation Agreement,
- f) determine the costs to be met by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and by CEPOL; and
- g) indicate the procedures for the notification of the Georgian National Contact Point, and changes thereof.

Art. 3 Status of the Academy of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall be invited to send a representative to attend, as an Observer, the External Relations Working Group meetings for as long as this Cooperation Agreement remains in force;

CEPOL meetings may be organised in Georgia; costs for such meetings will be reimbursed by CEPOL, according to its rules.

Art. 4 Participation in training courses

Senior Police Officers of Georgia may participate in the training courses provided by CEPOL.

As a rule, costs for participation of Georgian trainees in CEPOL training courses are charged to the participants' sending institution. These costs shall be indicated in the invitation to the activity.

Art. 5 Support for training activities of CEPOL

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU-Member Countries organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision of Georgian police experts to such courses. EU Senior Police Officers and Staff of EU Agencies operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs may also participate as appropriate to training courses organized by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

Any direct costs incurred for services provided by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia in supporting training activities of CEPOL shall be reimbursed by CEPOL according to its rules.

The present Agreement does not create any specific obligation on Third Parties to attend training sessions or courses organized within its framework.

Art. 6 Harmonised standards on police training

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall support the development and implementation of Common Curricula as set out in Art. 7 of the Council Decision and may integrate these into the national training programmes to the extent possible and necessary.

Art. 7 Exchange of best practices and senior police or training Officers

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and CEPOL shall disseminate best practices and research findings.

Relevant exchanges and secondments of senior police officers and/or senior training staff members shall be facilitated.

Continuous dialogue and exchange of best practices shall be enhanced by granting the Academy of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia access to the public sections of CEPOL's electronic network, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed through the present Cooperation Agreement.

Art. 8 Georgian National contact point

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The Academy of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia will communicate to CEPOL the contact details of the nominated National Contact Point within one month from the signature of the present Agreement, and in any event prior to its entry into force. Any changes in that respect shall be communicated in writing to the Director of CEPOL.

Art. 9 Amendment of the Agreement

The Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia or CEPOL may each propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this Agreement or parts thereof. Amendments to this Agreement shall enter into force in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement.

Art. 10 Termination of the Agreement

This Agreement may be terminated by each party with 6 months' prior written notice.

Art 11 Entry into Force

This Agreement will enter into force three months after its signature.

Done at :

<p>This day of in duplicate in the English language. two thousand and eleven,</p> <p>Dr Ferenc Bánfi For the European Police College CEPOL</p>	<p>This day of in duplicate in the English language. two thousand and eleven,</p> <p>Ms Khatia Dekanoidze For the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia</p>
<p>This day of in duplicate in the English language. two thousand and eleven,</p> <p>Mr/Ms XXX Chairman of the CEPOL Governing Board</p>	<p>.</p>