

DECISION 14/2013/GB

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

ESTABLISHING THE ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT

OF THE AUTHORISING OFFICER'S 2012 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Adopted by the Governing Board
by written procedure
on 13 June 2013

THE CEPOL GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/681/JHA¹, and in particular Article 10(9)(e) thereof;

Having regard to Decision 28/2011/GB of the Governing Board of the European Police College adopting the Financial Regulation, and in particular Article 40(2) thereof;

Having regard to the Authorising Officer’s Annual Activity Report 2012;

HAS ADOPTED the Analysis and Assessment of the Authorising Officer’s Annual Activity Report 2012 as set out in the Annex to this decision.

Done in Templemore, 13 June 2013

For the Governing Board

*Fintan Fanning
Chair of the Governing Board*

¹ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

Annex

ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE AUTHORISING OFFICER’S ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012

The Governing Board of CEPOL has received the Authorising Officer’s Annual Activity Report for the financial year 2012 and is, on the basis of the information provided, of the opinion that the CEPOL’s Work Programme 2012 has been implemented in a satisfactory manner.

The report contains well-structured information about CEPOL’s strategy and policies, objectives and the main results obtained, use of resources, internal control standards, and the management of risks associated with the implementation of the Work Programme. The Governing Board considers it useful that the policy achievements have been clearly linked to the goals and objectives presented in the CEPOL Strategy and key performance indicators.

The Governing Board acknowledges that in 2012 CEPOL continued its change management programme to ensure streamlined and effective governance, the most important results of which are lower governance costs and more resources dedicated to delivering the agency’s core business.

CEPOL provides training and learning to law enforcement officers, experts and trainers and, in 2012, CEPOL delivered more activities, to a larger audience, than in any previous year. The Governing Board welcomes the fact that this was achieved with a no significant increase to the agency’s operating budget. Through a combination of reduced governance costs and greater use of technology to facilitate training and coordination, the agency reasonably lowered the unit price of training activities.

The Governing Board welcomes the fact that the agency recognised the constraints that Member States might experience and used savings in governance costs to finance the participation of law enforcement practitioners, at a time when the impact of the financial crisis on participation was a very real risk for CEPOL.

The Governing Board acknowledges that CEPOL’s training approach is fully integrated into the EU institutional landscape, and the agency cooperates with the Commission and Council to ensure that its training catalogue is relevant and responds to the most serious threats outlined in the new Policy Cycle for Serious and Organised Crime, the Stockholm Programme and the Internal Security Strategy.

Building on the European Law Enforcement Training Scheme (LETS) mapping exercise carried out in 2011, CEPOL undertook, in 2012, a strategic training needs assessment, with a view to strengthening the agency’s ability to deliver training. Governing Board welcomes this exercise designed to help ensure that learning

priorities are driven by EU internal security objectives and aligned with the security interests of Member States, both at a political and operational level.

The Governing Board welcomes the programme of far-reaching change, instituted by CEPOL’s management in 2010 to ensure compliance with internal control standards which now provides reasonable assurance that appropriate controls are in place and are working as intended; risks are mitigated and monitored; improvements and reinforcements are being implemented.

Finally the Governing Board would like to welcome and encourage the continuous efforts and achievements of the management in transforming the agency into an organisation dedicated to excellence in all areas of law enforcement training.