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## COVER NOTE

From:	European Police College
To:	LEWP
Subject:	Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Police College (CEPOL)

1. Article 8 (3) third paragraph of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) and repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA<sup>1</sup>, reads:

*"Cooperation agreements with bodies of non-member States of the European Union can only be concluded after the approval of the Council has been obtained".*

2. CEPOL's Governing Board approved the text of the Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Police College (CEPOL) by written procedure on 8 August 2014.

3. CEPOL submitted the text of the aforementioned draft Working Arrangement for the approval of the Council on 8 August 2014.

4. LEWP is invited to agree to this draft Working Arrangement as set out in Annex with a view to submitting it to COREPER/Council for approval.

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

**Working Arrangement**  
**Between**  
**THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**  
**And**  
**THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE**  
**(CEPOL)**

# **WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE**

The Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Police College (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL”),

Being aware of the mutual interest to enhance the effectiveness of police forces in the fight against crime, especially cross-border crime, in Europe by conducting common trainings for 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 organized crime, illegal immigration, and border control or trafficking in human beings;

Having regard the Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20th September 2005 on the establishment of the European Police College (CEPOL) repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA, amended by Regulation PE-CONS 59/14 of 25 April 2014, (hereafter referred to as: “Council Decision”);

Mindful of the indications contained in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2013-2014", COM(2013) 700;

Having regard to the CEPOL Governing Board Decision (13/11/2013, agenda 20.3) to authorise the Director of CEPOL to negotiate a working arrangement with Bosnia and Herzegovina;

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 new future treaties;

Having regard to all decisions made by the CEPOL Governing Board including the adoption of a Policy Paper on External Relations;

Having regard to the provisions of the protocol on the establishment of a contact point for collaboration with CEPOL signed between Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 14 January 2014, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Republika Srpska and the Federal ministry of Internal Affairs (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina);

Have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1**

### **Purpose of the Working Arrangement and Implementing Partners**

#### **Article 1a- Purpose of the Working Arrangement**

The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to establish the arrangements necessary to facilitate mutual cooperation in the field of training between CEPOL and the relevant training institutes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to define the relations between the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and CEPOL to the extent necessary for the purpose of implementing this Working Arrangement. The exchange or dissemination of Law Enforcement Sensitive Data, including Personal Data, is not within the scope of this Working Arrangement or any of its provisions.

## **Article 1b- Implementing Partners**

For the purpose of the execution of this Working Arrangement, the implementing partners within Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be the Agency for Education and Advanced Training of Personnel, the Police Academy of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Police Education Administration of Republika Srpska, hereafter the “Training Institutions”.

## **Article 2 Areas of co-operation**

The co-operation as established in this Working Arrangement shall:

- a) allow for the participation of Senior Police Officers from Bosnia and Herzegovina in CEPOL training sessions, and that of EU Senior Police Officers operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs in training sessions organized by the Training Institutions.
- b) define possible supporting activities of the Training Institutions to CEPOL training courses;
- c) further harmonize standards on police training with regard to cross-border co-operation between police forces;
- d) enhance the exchange of best practices and grant the 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 working arrangement.

## **Article 3 Status of the Training Institutions**

CEPOL meetings may be organised in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Costs for such meetings will be reimbursed by CEPOL, according to its rules.

## **Article 4 Participation in training courses**

Senior Police Officers of Bosnia and Herzegovina may participate in training courses provided by CEPOL.

As a rule, costs for participation of the Bosnia and Herzegovina trainees in CEPOL training courses shall be charged to the participants’ sending institution. These costs shall be indicated in the invitation to the activity.

## **Article 5 Support for training activities of CEPOL**

The Training Institutions may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU-Member States organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision of the Bosnia and Herzegovina police experts for the needs of such courses. EU Senior Police Officers may also participate as appropriate parties to training courses organized by the Training Institutions.

Any direct costs incurred for services provided by the Training Institutions in supporting training activities of CEPOL shall be reimbursed by CEPOL according to its rules. This Working Arrangement does not create any specific obligation on Third Parties to attend training sessions or courses organized within its framework.

## **Article 6**

### **Harmonised standards on police training**

The Training Institutions 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.

## **Article 7**

### **Exchange of best practices, senior police officers and / or training officers**

The Training Institutions 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 Training Institutions access to the public sections of CEPOL's e-Net, 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 in this Working Arrangement.

## **Article 8**

### **Bosnia and Herzegovina Contact Point**

A Bosnia and Herzegovina Contact Point shall be set up within the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina to facilitate the implementation of this Working Arrangement. The Bosnia and Herzegovina Contact Point shall be the single point of contact for all communication with CEPOL. Any changes in that respect shall be communicated in writing to the Director of CEPOL.

## **Article 9**

### **Amendment of the Working Arrangement**

The Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina or CEPOL may each propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this Working Arrangement or parts thereof. Amendments to this Working Arrangement shall enter into force after the respective internal procedures have been completed.

**Article 10**  
**Termination of the Working Arrangement**

This Working Arrangement may be terminated by each party with 6 months written notice.

**Article 11**  
**Entry into force**

This Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

<p>This ..... day of ..... two thousand and fourteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ferenc Bánfi</b> <b>For the European Police College CEPOL</b></p>	<p>This ..... day of ... ..... two thousand and fourteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p><b>For the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></p>
<p>This ..... day of ..... two thousand and fourteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p><b>Chair of the CEPOL Governing Board</b></p>	