

**WORKING ARRANGEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE**

**AND**

**THE EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-  
SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND  
JUSTICE**

## Preamble

The European Police College (CEPOL)

And

The European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)

(Hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties")

Whereas:

1. Article 3 (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of 2 October 2011 establishing the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA Regulation) provides that eu-LISA shall perform tasks relating to training on the technical use of SIS II, in particular for SIRENE staff (SIRENE — Supplementary Information Request at the National Entries) and training of experts on the technical aspects of SIS II in the framework of Schengen evaluation,
2. Article 7(c) of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) and repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA provides that CEPOL may provide specialist training for police officers playing a key role in combating cross-border crime,
3. Article 8 of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA provides that CEPOL may cooperate with relevant bodies of the European Union in the field of law enforcement and other related areas as well as with relevant training bodies in Europe and may negotiate cooperation agreements with any of these bodies,
4. Recital 21 of eu-LISA Regulation provides that within the framework of its respective competences eu-LISA should cooperate with other agencies of the Union in particular those established in the area of freedom, security and justice,
5. It is recognised that due to its mandate and tasks CEPOL has experience in delivering training to law enforcement in the EU,
6. It is recognised that due to its mandate and tasks eu-LISA has significant experience in the area of information communication technology (hereinafter ICT),
7. It is within the common interest of the Parties to establish a Working Arrangement on exchange of expertise and best practices on activities which fall within their respective mandates.

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to establish cooperation between CEPOL and eu-LISA for supporting each other in the delivery of their core tasks, within the framework of their respective mandates.

### **Article 2**

#### **Exchange of expertise and best practices**

1. The Parties shall exchange expertise and best practices developed in the implementation of their respective mandates.
2. This exchange shall be focused but not limited to:
  - a) Expertise in training needs analysis,
  - b) Expertise in producing training materials, including online modules, as well as organising training courses and webinars,
  - c) Expertise in developing strategies in the areas of training delivery and ICT,
  - d) Advice and assistance on ICT-related projects and initiatives as they pertain to the specific mandate and tasks of both parties,
  - e) Advice and assistance in the organisation of internal ICT functions.

### **Article 3**

#### **Coordination and exchange of information on training and ICT activities**

1. Both agencies agree to consult on an annual basis when programming their activities for the forthcoming year in order to coordinate them, seek synergies, set reciprocal responsibilities and avoid duplication of efforts, particularly on tasks where parties will cooperate through the year.
2. Both parties shall inform each other on the items of their respective work programmes which are of relevance for either side.
3. Each Party may, where appropriate, invite the other to participate in any of its training activities.

### **Article 4**

#### **Cooperation in terms of funding, facilities and logistics**

1. With regards to trainings, the Parties may cooperate in terms of:
  - a) use of facilities and additional logistical support, including CEPOL's expert networks, and the possibility thereby to secure the use of venues in the Member States for the preparation and delivery of training,
  - b) use of CEPOL's Learning Management System in order to make available the key documents for courses run under the auspices of CEPOL or eu-LISA and make best use of feedback in improving courses organised by the Parties,

- c) use of tools and systems developed by CEPOL, inter alia the webinar/web meeting tool, authoring tool, survey tool and any other tools which by mutual agreement are identified as suitable for supporting the activities described in this Working Arrangement,
- d) funding of training events so as to bring maximum benefit to Member States' experts,

2. With regards to ICT matters the Parties may cooperate in terms of:

- a) use of the expertise and capabilities of eu-LISA in the area of ICT to receive general advice and guidance on the organisation of the ICT function at CEPOL,
- b) use of the expertise and capabilities of eu-LISA for specific advice and expert opinion in ICT area.

### **Article 5 Training materials**

- 1. The Parties shall inform each other on the development of new training materials which are of common interest.
- 2. The Parties may support each other, where appropriate, in the development or updating of their training materials. The involvement of third parties shall not be excluded.
- 3. The contribution of one Party to the training material of the other will be duly acknowledged.
- 4. The parties agree to use the respective corporate visual identity in training and other related materials.

### **Article 6 Experts and trainers**

- 1. For the purpose of this Working Arrangement the Parties shall exchange information on officers, trainers, professors and other experts involved in their activities, relevant to the purpose of this Working Arrangement.
- 2. The personal data referred to in paragraph (1) shall be processed in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001<sup>1</sup>.

### **Article 7 Meetings**

- 1. The coordination of activities between CEPOL and eu-LISA may be supported by bilateral meetings organised at the request of either side.
- 2. The agenda of the meeting should be proposed by the Party calling the meeting and agreed by the Parties as early as possible, at least one week before the date of the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regards to the procession of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1).

**Article 8**  
**Contact Points**

1. For the implementation of this Working Arrangement the CEPOL contact point shall be the Head of the Training Unit.
2. For the implementation of this Working Arrangement the eu-LISA contact point shall be the Head of the General Coordination Unit.

**Article 9**  
**Expenses**

The Parties bear their own expenses which arise in the course of the implementation of the present Working Arrangement unless otherwise agreed on a case-by-case basis.

**Article 10**  
**Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute which may emerge in connection with the interpretation or application of the present Working Arrangement shall be settled by means of consultation and negotiation between representatives of the Parties.

**Article 11**  
**Evaluation of the cooperation and review of the Working Arrangement**

1. At least once a year the Parties shall meet to evaluate the cooperation between them and propose ways for improvement.
2. The Parties shall enter into consultations with respect to possible amendments of this Working Arrangement at the request of either of them.
3. This Working Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual consent between the Parties. All the amendments and supplements shall be done in writing. They will enter into force on the date on which they are signed by the last Party.

**Article 12**  
**Termination**

This Working Arrangement may be terminated in writing by either of the Parties with three months' notice.

**Article 13**  
**Entry into force**

This Working Arrangement enters into force on the day following its signature by both Parties.

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