

To: All
CEPOL National Units, National Contact Points and
National Exchange Coordinators

By email only

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of CEPOL, the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training, I would like to convey my sincere New Year wishes to you and your colleagues.

I have the pleasure of announcing the launch of the CEPOL Exchange Programme (CEP) 2017, which will run –thanks to the new CEPOL mandate – with an extended target group covering all law enforcement bodies.

Applications should be submitted by the NEC's to the following email address: expro@cepol.europa.eu no later than Wednesday, 1st March 2017.

The CEPOL Exchange Programme 2017 will contain the following 4 segments:

- 1) General Exchange Programme
- 2) Senior law enforcement leaders
- 3) Trainers
- 4) Researchers

A full narrative description of all segments is available in the User Guide.

All exchanges must be in line with the following categories determined by the Single Programming Document of CEPOL valid for the year 2017:

- 1 - Serious crime and counter-terrorism (former Policy Cycle category)
- 2 - Public order – policing of major events
- 3 - Planning and command of Union missions
- 4 - Leadership, language development, train the trainers
- 5 - Law enforcement cooperation and information exchange
- 6 - Specific areas and instruments (analysis, forensics, law enforcement techniques, etc.)
- 7 - Fundamental Rights
- 8 - Research and prevention

The exchangee's can propose sub-categories but these must be in line with the eight main categories. Priority will be given to exchanges in line with the content of the Operational Action Plans (OAPs) driven by EMPACT coordinators in execution of the EU Policy Cycle 2014-2017 (category 1), pre-matched nominations as well as exchanges justified by an operational need identified at national or regional level.

The following documents have been approved: User Guide; Application form; Activity plan; Travel request form; Narrative report template. You will find them attached to the email; please study them carefully.

Please be advised of the following important aspects:

1. All applications have to be submitted through the National Exchange Coordinators (list of NECs is attached).
2. In 2017 CEPOL continues to run the programme without pre-determining a maximum number of applicants per country, and as we have an increased budget for 2017 you are kindly requested to ensure the whole law enforcement community takes part in this activity.
3. Countries are encouraged to nominate pre-matched exchanges. All pre-matched candidates have to submit an application form indicating a clear reference to each other.
4. The exchange period is fixed to 6 days / 5 nights starting with a travel day on a Sunday and finishing on a Friday that will include travel. CEPOL will book and cover the costs of international travel and accommodation, including breakfast and dinner for the participants. Exchangee's shall terminate their programme until the 17th November 2017, at the latest.
5. The categories in the Application form should be ranked from 1-3, where 1 is the most preferred topic.

In the course of the years the CEPOL Exchange Programme has attracted the interest of a variety of institutional stakeholders in the European law enforcement family and beyond.

The programme will be disseminated to our stakeholders in the EU Justice and Home Affairs area, other EU and international bodies as well as other law enforcement networks such as the European network of national police special forces (ATLAS), the Police Cooperation Convention for South Eastern Europe (PCC-SEE), the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) and others. These organisations will be directed to contact the National Exchange Coordinators for further information in order to ensure and coordinate all nominations.

In relation to CEPOL Exchange Programme 2017 an online interactive NEC meeting will be organised on the 2nd February providing an opportunity to discuss all implementation related issues. Also a webinar will be organised on the 7th February 2017, allowing potential applicants to become familiar with the CEPOL Exchange Programme concept. NEC's are kindly requested to inform such potential applicants to register to attend this webinar.

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Within the CEPOL Exchange Programme Team Peter Davidson, Programme Officer, Katalin Pokorny, Seconded National Expert and Anett Csereklyei, Exchange Programme Assistant is ready to help you with all matters in relation to the 2017 Exchange Programme. The team can be contacted at the following e-mail address:

expro@cepol.europa.eu

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the CEPOL Exchange Programme which has shown to contribute to improve cross-border cooperation, and I am confident it will continue to do so in the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ferenc Bánfi".

Prof. h.c. dr. Ferenc Bánfi *Dr. R. Worslund*

CEPOL Executive Director