



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



Working Arrangement

between

**The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
(EMCDDA)**

and

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

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WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION (EMCDDA) AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING (CEPOL)

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (hereafter referred to as “EMCDDA”), and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL”), hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties", or individually as the "Party";

Being aware of the mutual interest to cooperate, in particular as regards training activities in the drugs field, while taking into account the importance of fundamental rights in the context of various aspects of law enforcement;

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2015/2219 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2005/681/JHA (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL Regulation”);

Having regard to Commission Opinion C(2022) 2414 final of 22 April 2022;

Having regard to the Decision of the CEPOL Management Board 9/2022/MB;

Recalling the EMCDDA’s founding Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (recast), (hereinafter referred to as the “EMCDDA Regulation”),

Having regard to the Decision of the Management Board of the EMCDDA DEC/MB/22/07;

Having regard to the objectives of the CEPOL to support Member States in providing training in order to improve basic knowledge of the Union dimension of law enforcement; to support Member States, upon their request, in the development of bilateral and regional cooperation through law enforcement training; to develop, implement and coordinate training in specific thematic areas; to develop, implement and coordinate training in relation to Union missions and law enforcement capacity-building activities in third countries.

Having regard to the objectives of the EMCDDA to provide the EU and its Member States with a factual overview of European drug problems and a solid evidence base to support drug policy and action, the drugs debate, as well as to help professionals and practitioners working in the field pinpoint best practice and new areas of research.

Without prejudice to future developments in the concerned policy areas which may result from the revision of the existing legal, cooperation and political framework instruments or future treaties;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose of the Working Arrangement

1. The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to enhance cooperation between the EMCDDA and CEPOL by reinforcing the capacity to deliver training and strengthening the drugs-related aspects of law enforcement training and learning curricula and thereby to contribute to reducing the supply of drugs in Europe.
2. The Parties may also cooperate in administrative matters, procurement, HR matters, data protection and communication as required for the purpose of the cooperation referred to in item 1 here above.

Article 2

Areas of co-operation in training activities

Within the framework of this Working Arrangement, the parties undertake to co-operate in the following fields.

1. Training activities

- a) The Parties may implement joint training activities within their respective mandates. Whenever possible, the joint training activities should be identified in their Annual Action Plan. In addition to the joint training activities, each Agency may, where appropriate, invite the other one to participate in any of its training activities. The Parties may cooperate within the scope of projects and training activities that either Party carries out in third countries.
- b) CEPOL undertakes to grant the EMCDDA access to the public sections of CEPOL's eLearning platform accessible to registered users but restricted for non-registered users, to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed in the present Working Arrangement.
- c) CEPOL provides the EMCDDA with a dedicated and separated space ("tenancy") on its eLearning platform to enable the EMCDDA to manage its own training and learning activities there.
- d) In compliance with Regulation 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, the Parties may exchange information on officials, trainers, lecturers, researchers and other experts involved in their training and capacity building activities and endeavor to facilitate the mutual provision of experts and trainers from the Parties or their professional networks.
- e) The Parties may cooperate in terms of use of facilities and additional logistical support for the organisation and delivery of training and capacity building activities.

2. Exchange of knowledge

Concerning exchange of knowledge, information and expertise, where such exchange is considered beneficial to the Parties, they shall support each other in the development and dissemination of training and/or awareness-raising materials and publications. The Parties may cooperate on training products and tools, included but not limited to the development of new training products, such as curricula, courses and training materials and may mutually support each other in the development and delivery thereof, where appropriate.

Article 3

Contact points and consultations

The Director of the EMCDDA and the Executive Director of CEPOL shall respectively appoint a contact point within their agencies. These contact points are entrusted with the co-ordination of the day-to-day co-operation and communication between the Parties, with a view of the implementation of the present Working Arrangement.

The contact points shall set up meetings, including tele- and video- conferences between the EMCDDA and CEPOL as often as necessary to discuss issues relating to their co-operation in general.

The Parties shall consult each other on their respective Annual Work Programmes during the first quarter of each calendar year and may invite each other to participate in other consultations.

The EMCDDA and CEPOL, via their respective contact points, shall consult each other regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of realising their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.

With reference to Article 2.1(b), the Director of the EMCDDA shall also appoint a “CEPOL’s eLearning platform manager” to promote the use of CEPOL's electronic network among EMCDDA staff and communicate the contact details thereof to CEPOL.

Consultations

- a) The Parties shall consult each other on their respective Annual Work Programmes during the first quarter of each calendar year;
- b) The Parties may invite each other to participate in other consultations.

Article 4

Expenses and communication

Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear their own expenses which arise in the course of implementing the present Working Arrangement.

Communication of information and documents by the Parties shall be subject to the Parties' rules and regulations.

Article 5

Settlement of disputes

All disputes 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 6

Combating fraud

Pursuant to and as required by the applicable legal provisions :

- the European Court of Auditors shall have a power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot checks, over the implementation of the present Working Arrangements.
- OLAF may carry out investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant or a contract awarded by Parties for the implementation of these Working Arrangements. Such investigations shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96.

Article 7

Amendment of the Working Arrangement

The EMCDDA 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 8

Termination of the Working Arrangement

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

Article 9

Entry into force

This Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the day of signature by the last Party.

<p>This twenty-eighth day of November two thousand and twenty-two, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Montserrat Marin Lopez, Executive Director, For the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)</p>	<p>This twenty-eighth day of November two thousand and twenty-two, in duplicate in the English language</p> <p>Alexis Goosdeel, Director For the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)</p>
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