

AGREEMENT

Cooperation Agreement between the European Police College (CEPOL), the Spanish Distance Public University - UNED, the University Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (Faculty of Law) and the German Police University (Deutsche Hochschule der Polizei) on facilitating the accreditation of the higher education programme in English at master level dedicated to the legal and operational aspects of International and European Law Enforcement cooperation.

The European Police College, represented by its Director,
hereinafter "CEPOL" of the one part,

and

The Spanish Distance Public University - UNED represented by its Rector,

The French University Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (Faculty of Law) represented by its President,

The German Police University (Deutsche Hochschule der Polizei), represented by its President,

hereinafter the "Consortium" of the other part,

Whereas:

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 and with relevant training bodies in Europe. Such cooperation agreements may be concluded only with the authorisation of the Governing Board.

CEPOL has established the activity "Policing in Europe - Legal and Operational Aspects of International Police Cooperation" which is to be implemented by the CEPOL framework partners Guardia Civil Officers Academy in Aranjuez (Spain), the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Police in Lyon (France) and the German Police University in Münster (Germany), as organising institutions.

Being aware that this course should be developed in the framework of the European High Education Area (Bologna process), it is appropriate for CEPOL to conclude a cooperation agreement with universities, having their seat in the European Union, with a view to facilitating the accreditation of this activity,

HAVE AGREED THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1

- 1.1 A Consortium is established between the Spanish Distance Public University - UNED, the University of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 – Faculty of Law (France) and the German Police University (Deutsche Hochschule der Polizei) to cooperate and, subject to authorisation by the CEPOL Governing Board following a feasibility study, to facilitate the accreditation and to support the implementation of the higher education programme in English at master level dedicated to the legal and operational aspects of International and European Law Enforcement cooperation, in the framework of the CEPOL Work Programme.
- 1.2 The first stage of the cooperation shall be the involvement of the Consortium in the finalization of the pilot phase and the feasibility study on the higher education programme set out in Article 1. The second stage of the cooperation shall be the involvement of the Consortium in the development and implementation of the higher education programme, subject to authorisation by the CEPOL Governing Board following the said feasibility study.
- 1.3 Additional relevant bodies in Europe within the CEPOL cooperation may join this Agreement by way of amendment in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 11.

Article 2

CEPOL and the Consortium set up the following objectives:

- 2.1 providing added value to national Law Enforcement Education, by giving a European dimension to the higher education,
- 2.2 organising learning opportunities aiming at improving or gaining competences in International and European matters,
- 2.3 enabling participants to carry out research into particular, European and International aspects of Law, Security and Law Enforcement actions,
- 2.4 transforming academic findings into operational recommendations, scenarios, projects plans or job devices,
- 2.5 analysing practices or cases in the light of academic findings.

Article 3

3.1. This higher education programme shall be dedicated to senior law enforcement officers in general management or in specialist position who want to gain or improve competences in the field of International and European cooperation.

3.2. To be eligible to take part in this higher education programme, the applicant must have:

- a Master Degree or a Bachelor Degree or a national education equivalent to a Bachelor degree recognised at a level of 240 ECTS credit points, and
- a good command of the English language.

3.3. Candidates shall be nominated by the CEPOL National Contact Points in the Member States.

Article 4

The Consortium members declare their readiness to:

- 4.1. provide expertise and resources in order to ensure a proper support in terms of academic approach, taught methods, content equivalent to the necessary ECTS credit points, grading, with a view to establishing a joint accredited higher education programme at master level respecting national requirements.
- 4.2. nominate a contact person to ensure the activities mentioned in point 4.1.

Article 5

CEPOL declares its readiness:

- 5.1 subject to the conclusion of a grant agreement with the members of the Consortium, to provide educational and financial resources in order to support the higher education programme development,
- 5.2 subject to the conclusion of a grant agreement with the members of the Consortium, to allow the members of the Consortium, and the organising institutions to use the names, logos, printings and references related to the higher education programme in English dedicated to the legal and operational aspects of International and European Law Enforcement cooperation,

- 5.3 to propose this higher education programme in its annual work programme supported by the Consortium,
- 5.4 subject to the approval of the CEPOL Work Programme and the conclusion of a grant agreement with the organising institutions, to facilitate that the higher education programme will successively take place in the premises of the organising institutions at:

France: The Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Police in Lyon,
Germany: The German Police University in Münster,
Spain: The Guardia Civil Officers Academy in Aranjuez.

Additional relevant bodies out of the Framework Partners of CEPOL may be involved subject to amendment of this agreement in accordance with Article 11.

Each organising institution shall nominate a course manager in accordance with the administrative and financial provisions applicable to CEPOL.

Article 6

This Agreement is drawn up in respect of the academic tradition of consensus and the principle of autonomy of each participating institution for higher education.

Article 7

7.1. The activities developed in the framework of this agreement will be set up via periodic communications among CEPOL, the organising institutions and the Consortium.

7.2. Each member shall be represented in the communications by one contact person.

Article 8

The activities of this higher education programme are described in the annex to this Agreement.

Article 9

9.1. Subject to the conclusion of a grant agreement with the members of the Consortium, the activity provided in the Annex will be financially supported by CEPOL in accordance with the CEPOL Financial Regulation and the applicable EU legal instruments.

9.2. Grants to the members of the Consortium may be awarded under contractual conditions equivalent to its framework partners that are part of the CEPOL network.

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Article 10

10.1. Unless explicitly stipulated otherwise, ownership of the results of the activities, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, and of the higher education materials, reports and other documents relating to it are vested in CEPOL.

10.2. The members of the Consortium are allowed to use the materials mentioned in Article 10.1 after obtaining CEPOL's permission.

Article 11

Additional CEPOL Framework Partners may join this Agreement by way of amendment on the basis of a proposal put forward by these bodies and subject to authorisation of the CEPOL Governing Board.

Article 12

12.1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of the signature by the last contracting party.

12.2. This Agreement may be terminated by each contracting party with a notice of six months.

12.3. Without prejudice to Article 12.2, the period of notice shall allow the conclusion of an activity covered by a grant agreement in force.

Dr. Ferenc BÁNFI
CEPOL Director

Done at , date

The President of the French University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

Done at _____, date _____

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The President of the German Police University (Deutsche Hochschule der Polizei)

Done at _____, date _____

The Rector of the Spanish Distance Public University - UNED

Done at _____, date _____

In four originals in English.

DESCRIPTION OF THE JOINT MASTER PROGRAMME

1. Aim

The aim of this EU joint higher education programme at master level is to provide added value for Law enforcement officers in management or specialist positions in the field of a strategic and comprehensive knowledge on legal and operational aspects on international and European law enforcement cooperation. Bearing in mind the European and multilevel dimension of the EU joint master programme, the aim shall be fulfilled by a combined academic and professional approach at strategic level.

2. Learning outcomes

This EU joint higher education programme shall enable participants to;

- Implement the knowledge gained in the programme at their national level, or in other contexts,
- Carry out research into particular, European and international aspects of Law Enforcement actions, Security and Law,
- Transform academic findings into operational recommendations, scenarios, projects plans or job devices,
- Analyse practices or cases in the light of academic findings.

3. Structure

The EU joint higher education programme consists of 2 units covering 2 years representing approximately 1600 study hours, which results in 60 ECTS credits corresponding to 30 ECTS per unit.

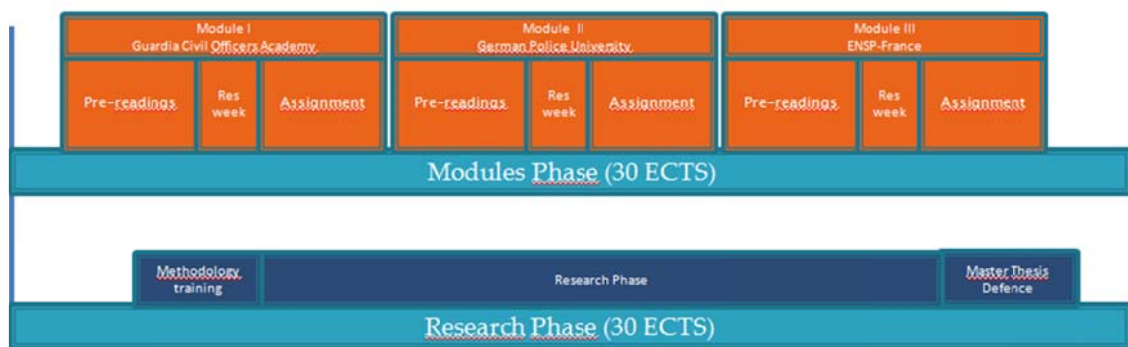
The EU joint higher education programme shall be semi-presential including blended learning and other interactive training methods.

- **Unit 1 (30 ECTS): Modules Phase:** The participants will receive a training scheme of modules, including pre-readings, residential weeks and assignments. The modules shall refer to international and EU legal framework, its evolution and outcomes. Participants shall develop their own comprehension on the

Strategic dimension of law enforcement cooperation. In these modules general context, structures, cooperation instruments and communication tools shall be discussed

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- **Unit 2 (30 ECTS) Research Phase:** After succeeding Unit 1, the participant will perform an individual research supported by blended learning opportunities and a placement period, including a training in research methodology and final Master Thesis Defence.



4. Certification

The participants will receive a diploma for an EU joint Master (60 ECTS).

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