



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTES (ENFSI)

AND

EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE (CEPOL)

It is in the interest of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (hereinafter referred to as ENFSI) and the European Police College (hereinafter referred to as CEPOL) to enhance their capacity to co-operate in the areas of information exchange and training.

The purpose of ENFSI is to improve the quality of forensic science throughout Europe. It is a network of national forensic science institutes. An essential part of that improvement is the use made of forensic science institutions and awareness of their capabilities by those that work within the criminal justice systems throughout Europe.

CEPOL's mission is to help train the senior police officers of the Member States by optimising cooperation between CEPOL's various components. CEPOL shall support and develop a European approach to the main challenges facing the training of law enforcement officials of Member States in the fight against crime, the prevention of crime, and the maintenance of law and order and public security, in particular the cross-border dimensions thereof.

It is beneficial therefore for both institutions to share their expertise and contribute to one another's activities as appropriate.

ENFSI represented by Dr Jan de Kinder, Chairman

and

CEPOL represented by Mr Ulf Göransson, Director

Have agreed as follows:

1 Strategic Level

Discussion between ENFSI and CEPOL will identify issues that the other party should be aware of for example:

- I. Advances in forensic sciences that could assist criminal investigations
- II. Development of investigative databases and their inter-relationships
- III. Use of established scientific techniques in innovative ways to meet the requirements of today's criminal activity
- IV. The dissemination of knowledge and achieving awareness among Senior Police Officers

2 Training Programmes

CEPOL produces a comprehensive range of training programmes and seminars across Europe. A proportion of these programmes would benefit from the input of forensic scientists of various disciplines.

ENFSI will inform CEPOL of the institutions that can deliver input into CEPOL training programmes and liaise with these institutions to provide this contribution.

CEPOL will provide ENFSI members with the opportunity to give courses on topics that ENFSI feels require greater understanding and awareness to assist criminal investigation.

3 Databases and Information Sharing

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Within ⁶x weeks of the signature of this agreement, CEPOL and ENFSI will draw up an arrangement for sharing of data with a list of data and databases that they will shared between themselves which will be attached to the Memorandum of Understanding.

The arrangement for sharing data can be limited to different levels within the respective organisations as appropriate to information shared.

4 Information on Websites

The ENFSI (www.enfsi.eu) and the CEPOL (www.cepola.europa.eu) websites will indicate links to each other's website. ENFSI will post information about courses that are to be run by CEPOL on their website and CEPOL may post forensic matters of interest on their website for example latest developments, recent applications, cases of interest etc

5 Logistic Support

CEPOL will ensure that ENFSI members will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses and subsistence when they provide support to CEPOL seminars and conferences. In return ENFSI will provide similar support to members of CEPOL or their representative who are asked to attend ENFSI meetings.

6 Term of Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force at the date of the last signature and shall continue for an indeterminate period. Either party may terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding at any time by notification given in writing.

Done at,
For ENFSI



Dr Jan de Kinder
Chairman of ENFSI

Done at Bramshill, 12 October 2009
For CEPOL



Mr Ulf Göransson
Director of CEPOL