


Procedure file

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[Decision 2000/820](#)
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PURPOSE: Portuguese initiative regarding the provisional establishment of the European Police College (EPC). **CONTENT:** The European Council, meeting in Tampere in October 1999, agreed that a European Police College (EPC) for the training of senior police officers should be established. The EPC should start as a network of existing national training institutes, without precluding the establishment of a permanent institution at a later stage. The aim of the EPC will be to help train the senior law enforcement officers of the Member States, by supporting and developing a European approach to the main problems arising in Member States in the field of crime-fighting and protecting internal security with the following objectives: - to increase knowledge of the national police systems and structures of other Member States, - to strengthen knowledge of international instruments, in particular those which already exist at EU level in the field of cooperation on combating crime, - to optimise cooperation and coordination between the college and other multinational police training institutes in Europe on the subject of cross-border cooperation between police forces in Europe. The EPC would also offer its facilities to the senior law enforcement officers of Iceland and Norway and those countries that have applied for EU accession. The directors of the national police training institutes will form the governing board of the EPC. Each Member State will have one vote on the board and the board will be chaired by the director of the national institute of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council. It will draw up rules of procedure by common agreement among the national delegations. The rules of procedure will provide for the establishment of a bureau which shall be responsible for preparing the deliberations of the governing board and overseeing the management of the permanent secretariat - a body that will assist the EPC with the administrative tasks necessary for the College to function and implement annual programmes. The secretariat will be set up within one of the national police academies on the basis of a board decision adopted by common agreement among the delegations. All other decisions taken by the governing board will be taken by a majority of delegations. The secretariat will be headed by a secretary appointed by the governing board for three years. the costs of implementing the actions in the EPC's annual work programme (training sessions on police cooperation, specialist training on combating organised crime, training for trainers, dissemination of best practice and results of research, language training, etc.), together with the administrative costs of the EPC, will be jointly borne by the Member States. At the latest during the third year following the entry into force of this Decision, the governing body shall submit to the Council a report containing recommendations on how the College should develop, in particular at institutional level.?

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The committee adopted the report by Bernd POSSELT (EPP-ED, D) amending the initiative under the consultation procedure. While broadly agreeing with the priority areas laid down for the work of the European Police College, the committee felt that the College's task should also be to increase the level of knowledge of the police concerning Europol, cross-border police and judicial cooperation in the EU and relevant EU law and programmes. It also wanted to ensure appropriate training in respect for democratic safeguards, in particular the rights of the defence. In addition to the formal aspects of cross-border police cooperation, training should also focus on human rights policy, political and socio-economic trends in the EU, non-repressive law enforcement and best practices as regards crime prevention. The dissemination among the police of the best European standards should be regarded as one of the College's main activities. Regional police forces should also be included in these activities. Priority should also be given to training police officers from countries with which the EU was conducting accession negotiations, as well as from Iceland and Norway. When providing training on assistance for third countries in crisis situations, the report pointed out that the College should also focus on such areas as observance of the rule of law and the maintenance of law and order, bearing in mind the experience of events in neighbouring regions during the past decade. As regards the development of an 'electronic network' to provide back-up for the College in the performance of its duties, the committee was concerned to ensure that security measures were put in place to prevent criminal elements from accessing that network. Lastly, it called for the Decision to be reviewed after two, rather than three, years in order to decide on the College's future institutional structure and seat. ?

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The European Parliament voted by 86 votes to 24 with 10 abstentions to endorse the resolution by Mr Bernd POSSELT (EPP/ED, D) that approves with amendment a Portuguese initiative to set up a European Police College (EPC). (Please refer to the previous step in the legislative process for amendments tabled by the committee responsible). The Parliament has added that the College would concentrate on providing training for senior police officers from applicant Member States.?

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PURPOSE : to establish a European Police College (CEPOL). **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision (2000/820/JHA) establishing a European Police College. **CONTENT :** at its meeting in Tampere on 15 and 16 October 1999, the European Council agreed that a European Police College should be established to train senior officers of police forces, such forces being understood to mean law enforcement officials. This Decision provides for the establishment of the CEPOL. The governing board shall set up a permanent secretariat to assist CEPOL with the administrative tasks necessary for it to function and implement the annual programme and where appropriate, additional programmes and initiatives. CEPOL's budget shall be managed by the secretariat on the basis of a financial regulation. The costs of implementing the measures in the annual programmes shall be borne jointly by the Member States. The aim of CEPOL shall be to help train the senior police officers of the Member States by optimising cooperation between CEPOL's various component institutes. CEPOL's objectives shall be as follows: - to increase knowledge of the national police systems and structures of other Member States, of Europol and of cross-border police cooperation with the EU; - to strengthen knowledge of international instruments, in particular those which already exist at EU level in the field of cooperation and on combatting crime; - to provide appropriate training with regard to respect for democratic safeguards with particular reference to the rights of defence; - to encourage cooperation between CEPOL and other police training institutes. In addition, CEPOL may cooperate with the national police training institutes of non-member States of the EU. In particular, it shall establish relations with the national institutes of applicant countries with which the EU is conducting accession negotiations as well as those of Iceland and Norway. CEPOL shall also cooperate with relevant training bodies in Europe, such as the Nordic Baltic Police Academy (NBPA) and the Mittleuropäische Polizeiakademie (MEPA). At the latest during the third year after this decision takes effect, the governing board shall submit to the Council a report on the operation and future of the network. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** the Decision shall take effect from 23.12.2000 and it shall apply from 01.01.2001.?