

Association of European Police Colleges
Annual report
2010

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to present the AEPC annual report 2010 to you. Once again, several activities and events have been organized with great success and several initiatives have reinforced our major role on the international training scene.

I'm glad to stress the development of partnerships with important European training actors: several activities have been organized with CEPOL, our traditional partner, but the AEPC has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (PCC SEE) and developed extensive cooperation with the FRA, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Several new initiatives have also been taken, such as the conferences in Madrid and Tbilisi and the overview of existing cooperation agreements with ENP countries.

None of the activities, new or traditional, could have taken place without the active commitment of the AEPC members. I want to thank very particularly the police colleges and colleagues who organized or hosted events, who put new ideas forward and took an active part in our activities. They have been the living soul of our Association in 2010!

I already very much look forward to our 2011 activities and initiatives and to meeting you all on those different occasions. Let's make the best out of our extraordinary network of European Police Colleges!

Maurice Petit
President of the AEPC



A. Main achievements

1. New memberships

In 2010, three new training institutions have become AEPC members:

- The National Police College of Azerbaijan;
- The Police School of Lithuania;
- The Agency for Education and Professional Training in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The AEPC now boasts 49 member colleges from 42 European countries, including all of the EU countries.

2. Annual Conference in Istanbul

The annual conference was held in Istanbul on 16th June on the topic: "Police Education at the University Level: Problems and Perspectives". All members of the Association were of course invited and 48 participants took part in the event. The quality and interest of the presentations have been largely underlined.

The conference resulted in a declaration letter including the main conclusions of the presentations and handed over to all participants.

3. AEPC Conference in Madrid

On 26th October, just before the second Governing Board meeting of the year, the Training Division of the Spanish National Police organised a one-day conference on the two following topics :

- Key factor towards the integration Theory and Practice in Police Training and Education;
- Fundamental Rights Agency: presentation of the Institution, of the MIDIS survey and discussion on future cooperation with the AEPC.

About 40 participants attended and, here again, the quality of the speakers for both topics were stressed by all. The conference notably resulted in the identification of new opportunities for future AEPC activities (ESPOC, specific conferences, cooperation with the FRA,...).

4. European Neighbourhood Policy

The Police College in Tbilisi organised in May a second AEPC conference on ENP, aimed at identifying the existing cooperation agreements and the concrete actions to be developed in the region. The conference resulted in a report including 8 conclusions and concrete proposals.

In line with those proposals, an overview of the existing bi/multilateral cooperation agreements between AEPC and ENP members has been drafted. The detail of the reported agreements can be found on the AEPC website.

5. ESPOC

Following postponement/cancellation of latest ESPOC courses, a large reflection has taken place on the future of the activity. A SWOT analysis including the major ESPOC characteristics has been drafted. It results from the analysis that organising such a course remains relevant but that the target group should be better defined (police academy members specifically) and the budgetary issue should be dealt with.

A new impulse has been found with the unanimous agreement of AEPC members and FRA representatives to co-organise the next session of the course as a “train the trainers” session based on the FRA’s trainers guide (see hereunder).

6. Cooperation with the FRA

In 2010, the FRA representatives met with the AEPC members for dedicated discussions on two occasions (the meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Governing Board), to present their missions, projects and achievements (notably the MIDIS Survey and the police guide) and to discuss possible ways to join efforts and cooperate.

Following those contacts, the AEPC actively contributed to the FRA workshop, organised in Vienna in November 2010, on “Human Rights based police training”. The AEPC was invited to contribute to the programme and presented its work in a specific presentation by the AEPC Chair. The debates and discussions will result in the compilation of police practices and in a manual for trainers.

Two more activities are in the pipeline for 2011:

- The joint organisation of a workshop on “anti-discrimination & diversity in police training” during the European Police Congress in Berlin in February.
- The organisation of a new form of “ESPOC” course, organised as a pilot « train the trainers session » based on the trainers manual developed during the conference in Vienna.

7. Cooperation with PCC SEE – Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe

The Convention aims at bringing the 8 signatory countries closer to the European police standards.

It is important to stress that police colleges from the 8 PCC SEE countries are now AEPC members.

In order to facilitate exchanges and cooperation, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the AEPC and PCC SEE by Mr Anton Travner, Head of the PCC SEE Secretariat and Maurice Petit, President of the AEPC.

As a first cooperation activity, it has been decided that the AEPC would actively participate in the PCC SEE’s « Thematic Working Group on Police Education and Training » by nominating a representative in the Working Group. The first meeting will take place at the beginning of 2011.

8. Cooperation with CEPOL

As mentioned above, the cooperation with CEPOL has been reinforced in 2010 through the following activities:

- Conference on leadership: In July, the CEPOL conference on leadership opened the Belgian presidency of CEPOL. The AEPC largely contributed to the event by proposing two speakers (from the police colleges in Poland and Georgia) and by opening the target group to all AEPC members.
- Cooperation with the Western Balkans: The second CEPOL conference « Cooperation with Western Balkans » was held in Sofia in May, with the active contribution of the AEPC. Gaëlle Bistiaux presented there the AEPC mission, structure and experience in the region.
- Survey on European Police Education and Bologna: the official report of the survey, to which the non-EU AEPC members have been associated, have been presented in December. The report can be provided by the CEPOL Secretariat and/or AEPC Presidency.
- European Neighbourhood Policy: This year again, in December, the AEPC has actively contributed to the CEPOL conference on ENP. Maurice Petit presented there the cooperation opportunities offered by the AEPC and the Police College in Tbilisi made a presentation about « Analysis of the ENP Strategy Paper – my country's expectations in the field of police co-operation with EU Member States ».

The AEPC was also consulted by CEPOL regarding priorities for 2011 and 2012. The AEPC expressed its willingness to carry on with cooperation in the fields of ENP, Bologna process, Western Balkans, Euromed and Euroeast projects.

9. Annual course calendar

In 2010, the traditional course calendar of the AEPC was made available on the web page of the Association. A better use of the calendar will be promoted in 2011.

10. AEPC Website

The AEPC website is updated regularly and new chapters have been added, including a « news » item. All members remain most welcome to contribute.

B. AEPC meetings

See reports

1. Executive Committee – Neuchatel – February 2010
2. Executive Committee – Vienna – April 2010
3. Governing Board and annual conference – Istanbul – June 2010
4. Executive Committee – Krakow – September 2010
5. Governing Board and conference – Madrid – October 2010

