

**Association of European Police Colleges**  
**Annual report**  
**2011**

*Dear colleagues,*

*Once again, I have the great pleasure to present the annual report of the AEPC activities.*

*The year 2011 has been rich in activities, from the traditional annual conference and AEPC calendar to new initiatives such as specific conferences and survey, from the new A.E.P.C course to new partnerships.*

*My most sincere thanks go to all the Police Colleges which have made it possible to organize these activities, by hosting an event, providing expertise, sending participants, publishing national courses,... There are several ways to take part in the AEPC life and it is always a pleasure to see Police Training being developed thanks to the exchange of experience, good practices and original ideas from motivated colleagues.*

*Our Association remains one of the major actors in the field of European Training of Senior Police Officers, an achievement of which we can be proud, as it is the result of our engagement to work together, in a totally autonomous and independent way, for the benefit of our own institutions.*

*The excellent outcome of the 2011 activities bodes very well for the future and many events and initiatives are already in the pipeline for 2012. I will personally leave the Presidency of the Association with great regret in the spring, but I'm convinced that the AEPC will continue to develop to fit the needs of our Colleges better and better.*

*I already wish the best of success to the future President of the AEPC and to all AEPC members and hope that 2012 will be yet another year of fruitful and friendly cooperation between us all!*

*Maurice Petit*  
*President of the AEPC*



## **A. Main achievements**

### *1. New membership*

The International training and Civilian Crisis Management Center in Budapest has become the 50<sup>th</sup> AEPC member in May, during the Governing Board meeting in Belgrade. Eager to show their willingness to actively contribute to AEPC activities, the Center had already hosted the meeting of the Executive Committee in January.

### *2. Annual Conference in Belgrade*

The Annual Conference of the Association was held in May in Belgrade on the topic “Police Training for Becoming Professionals Respected by the Society”. Fully in line with the 2011 AEPC focus on Human Rights, the event was a large success, with more than 30 Training Institutions represented and speakers from no less than 8 different countries. The outcomes of the workshops and the final declaration which resulted from the conference remain available on the AEPC website.

### *3. Anti-Discrimination European Police Course (A.E.P.C)*

In June, the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and the AEPC have organised together the pilot session of the A.E.P.C course, aimed at finalising the FRA trainers’ manual on anti-discrimination. The course was attended by 18 trainers from 15 AEPC colleges who have all stressed the interest of the tool and proposed comments. After other train the trainers sessions (notably within CEPOL), the final version of the manual will be ready in the early 2012.

### *4. Human Rights in Police Training Conference*

The conference was organised in Batumi (Georgia) on 12-13 October and has allowed each participant to present the current situation regarding the integration of the Human Rights topic in his/her country/institution. Participants underlined the very interesting exchange of ideas and indicated having new paths for reflection after it. Conclusions have been presented in an outcome document available on the AEPC website.

### *5. Use of Force linked to Human Rights Conference*

The conference was organised in Oslo on 19<sup>th</sup> October, just before the Governing Board meeting. Speakers from Austria, Poland, Sweden and Norway have presented their respective experiences and researches in the field of a use of force respectful of Human Rights. Very different approaches have been highlighted, providing participants with large food for thoughts.

### *6. Annual course calendar*

The traditional course calendar was published on the AEPC website with contributions from several partners. In order to make the calendar better known, other publication systems are envisaged.

In December, the 2012 calendar could already boast 52 courses published by a large number of members.

#### 7. *AEPC Website and LinkedIn group*

The AEPC website has been updated all year long, notably with the introduction of a “restricted platform” accessible only by AEPC members and displaying the contact list of members, outcomes of conferences and other useful documents.

A specific group “Association of European Police Colleges” has also been created on LinkedIn and is open to all members, partners and friends of the AEPC.

#### 8. *Survey on the creation of a Leadership Centre*

In the framework of the reflection on the creation of a Leadership Center in Belgium, a survey was disseminated asking AEPC members for existing initiatives in their respective colleges. No less than 31 training institutions have answered, giving a very comprehensive view of the issue. This overview is available on the AEPC website.

#### 9. *Cooperation with the FRA*

Next to the above-mentioned course, the AEPC and FRA have reinforced their cooperation all year long, starting with the participation of the AEPC in the European Police Congress in Berlin in February. There, the FRA and AEPC have jointly organised a workshop on police training and human rights. The FRA Director also made a presentation on police training and mentioned the importance of networks such as the AEPC.

#### 10. *Cooperation with PCC SEE*

The PCC SEE Thematic Working Group on Police Education and Training has been launched in March. The AEPC is an active member of the group and is represented there by its General Secretary, Mario Krebs. Currently, the main objective of the working group is to develop 14 curricula on various police topics.

In November, the AEPC President also attended the PCC SEE 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Ministers, allowing for exchanges on cooperation possibilities.

#### 11. *Cooperation with the OSCE*

Cooperation with the OSCE has been developing a lot in 2011, notably with the opening of the OSCE’s POLIS platform to AEPC members, allowing for exchange of training material. The OSCE has also largely supported the organisation of the Executive Committee meeting in Pristina in April.

Finally, a project of MoU, to be signed early 2012, has been developed.

#### 12. *Cooperation with CEPOL*

In 2011, cooperation with CEPOL has taken the following forms:

- Participation of the AEPC President in the Governing Board meetings and meeting of the External Relations Working Group;
- Development of the conferences on cooperation with the Western Balkans and European Neighbourhood Policy (the conferences have unfortunately been cancelled by CEPOL due to a lack of participation);

- Participation in the “European Training Scheme” survey implemented by CEPOL on request of the EU Commission to realise a large-scale survey to have a comprehensive state of the current situation in European police training

## **B. AEPC meetings**

### *See reports*

1. Executive Committee - Budapest - January 2011
2. Executive Committee - Pristina - April 2011
3. Governing Board and annual conference - Belgrade - May 2011
4. Executive Committee - Bratislava - September 2011
5. Governing Board and conference - Oslo - October 2011

