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## Meetings

### PCC – Meeting of Representatives from the National Central Units of the PCC SEE Contracting Parties

14-16 December 2015 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Chaired by the Macedonian PCC SEE Chairmanship-in-Office, this meeting was a follow-up to the March 2015 PCC SEE Workshop on Information Exchange. Specific requirements to enable regional information exchange and improve regional cooperation were discussed, drawing on the extensive national practise and legal knowledge of senior police in attendance.

### PCC - 1st Meeting of the PCC SEE Working Group on Data Protection

16-18 December 2015 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Chaired by the Macedonian PCC SEE Chairmanship-in-Office and supported by the PCC SEE Secretariat, this meeting convened Moldavian Police and National Data Protection authorities' experts from the PCC SEE Contracting Parties. Agreements on future tasks were established to ensure the common PCC SEE Data Protection Standard is maintained and the continued promotion of cross-border police cooperation.



Meeting on Data Protection

### PCC- Ad Hoc Meeting of Legal Experts on DNA within the PCC SEE

16-18 December 2015 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Bringing together both legal and DNA experts from the PCC SEE Contracting Parties, a comprehensive review of legal and technical documentation relating on (automated) DNA Exchange Agreement was completed. Information of national processes in document ratification was also shared.

### .BK - SEPCA General Assembly Meeting

25 - 26 November 2015 | Tirana, Albania

SEPCA member countries recognised common actions and close strategic and operative coordination with EU Member States are of the highest importance in combating Terrorism and Radicalisation, illegal migration and organized crime in the region. The importance and the strong need for close police cooperation in the region including Kosovo\* was emphasized, and all present delegations unanimously voted for the admission of Kosovo\* in SEPCA and agreed on a guest status.

### IOM – New Police Cooperation Centre coordination meeting

22-23 October 2015 | Plav, Montenegro & Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Gathering representatives from Albanian, Montenegrin and Kosovan Border Police, its aim was to reach agreement on the Plav Police Cooperation Centre Protocol and Rulebook. Greater insight into the manner of cooperative operations was gained during the delegations visit to the working Police Cooperation Centre of Trebinje.



## Mentorship

### UNODC – 2<sup>nd</sup> WCO JCCU Mentorship Visit 14 - 17 December 2015 | Bijaca, Bosnia and Herzegovina

In its evaluation of current activities and operational practices, this continued mentorship provides on-site practical support and targeted skills development. Its positive contribution is evidenced by the further improvement of all aspects of the Unit's functioning and fulfilment of work plans.



*Skills development in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

### OSCE Mission in Kosovo – Serious Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA) Mentorship Workshop September - November 2015 | Tirana, Albania & Pristina, Kosovo

Consisting of six two-day sessions, this continued mentorship is crucial to consolidating the teaching provided during the previous stage and safeguards that standard processes are adhered to. This support strengthens analysts' confidence in producing an end product that will be impactful and beneficial for both police services and their respective communities.

## News

### UNODC – World Customs Organisation (WCO) Joint Container Control Unit (JCCU) 01 December 2015 | Bar, Montenegro

In cooperation with customs administration structures at the Port of Bar, 33kg of cocaine was detected and seized. This is the second reported seizure of cocaine originating from Latin and South America at this Port.



*Seizure at Port of Bar, Montenegro*

### BK - Handover of SEPCA Chairmanship 25 - 26 November 2015 | Tirana, Albania

The SEPCA Chairmanship was officially handed over to Bulgaria for 2016. In the meantime, Romania was warmly welcomed as a new member in the network and officially signed the Memorandum of Understanding.



*Handover of SEPCA Chairmanship to Bulgaria for 2016*

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