



# SPCP 2012-16 Swiss Regional Police Cooperation Programme

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## Meetings

### PCC SEE - 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of Ministers

11 May | Vienna, Austria

The 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of Ministers also marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PCC SEE. The event looked back on PCC SEE results across a strategic and operational level, both nationally and regionally. It was recognised that the PCC SEE has contributed significantly to the building of mutual trust and increasing national capacities to efficiently and jointly respond to occurring security threats.

During this event continued progress was made in the areas of automated data exchange, which foresees the establishment of an EU Prüm-inspired framework for Southeast Europe. A series of activities for the preparation of required legal and technical documents for the automated exchange of DNA, dactyloscopic and vehicle registration data will follow by the end of 2016.



15<sup>th</sup> Committee of Ministers, Vienna

### PCC SEE - Meetings of Thematic Working Group on Surveillance Expert Network for Southeast Europe (SENSEE)

The period of April to June 2016 resulted in 3 meetings between geographically connected countries. These meetings addressed and developed interim solutions for performing cross-border surveillance, taking into account

the current state-of-play and the necessary bilateral implementation agreements on cross-border surveillance.

Participants also agreed to transfer the discussions onto the Europol Platform for Experts, enabling representatives of all Contracting Parties to exchange information and inputs.

Finally, participants highlighted that Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro are the first Western Balkan countries to sign the bilateral agreement, having met all preconditions for practical implementation of cross-border surveillance between these two countries.

### BK – SEPCA Strategy Board Meeting

25-27 April | Sofia, Bulgaria

The main objective of this meeting was the finalisation of the Management Information System (MIS) report 2015/16, extended due to the recent developments in Europe to include Illegal migration, Terrorism and Radicalization.

The meeting was attended by representatives from all SEPCA member countries including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Republic of Srpska. A representative from DCAF and experts from Europol and the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria were also in attendance.

Directors General of Police in SEPCA member countries, who share the urgent need of being constantly updated on relevant national and regional developments, shall be the end users of the MIS report - used as a strategic management tool.

## **BK – SEPCA General Assembly** **11-13 May 2016 | Sofia, Bulgaria**

The General Assembly gathered directors and deputy directors of police services of member countries, director and experts of the Austrian Criminal Intelligence Service, and senior representatives from International Association of Chiefs of Police, PCC SEE, Europol, INTERPOL, DCAF and SELEC. Specific focus was placed on information exchange to address the great challenges of Terrorism and Radicalization in the region.

Participants also presented the strategic goals of SEPCA 2017, including searching opportunities for cooperation and interaction with law enforcement agencies (Europol) and regional formats, such as PCC SEE and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC).



*SEPCA General Assembly*

For the first time, the general director of the Kosovo police participated in a SEPCA meeting as guest-observer.

## **UNODC - Container Control Programme (CCP) Second Annual Meeting of Women's Network** **June 20-21 | Podgorica, Montenegro**

The UNODC WCO Women's Network aims to promote professionalism and core leadership of female national counterparts, addressing gender stereotypes that inhibit women from realising their full professional potential within the CCP.

This annual meeting brought together participants from Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Macedonia, providing a platform for participants to discuss progress made by the law enforcement entities of the region and wider, as well as the ongoing challenges

regarding the participation of women in the law enforcement area.

The participants agreed on a set of guidelines and further actions to be taken by members of the women's network over the coming year.



*CCP Women's Network meeting*

## ***Trainings***

### **IOM – Regional Training of Trainers** **19-21 April 2016 | Becici, Montenegro**

Three trainers from each project location (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia, and Kosovo) participated in a regional Training of Trainers (ToT) on the topic of humanitarian border management. Beneficiaries of these ToTs proposed a timeline for the national training of border police officials.

From May to June 2016, national trainings were held in Dimitrovgrad and Zlatar (Serbia) as well as in Trebinje and Bijelina (BiH).



*National Training in Trebinje, BiH*



## **PCC SEE- Train the Trainers Course on the delivery of PCC SEE Webinars** **25-26 April | Budapest, Hungary**

Teachers and trainers from Police academies were introduced to the webinar software which can be used to deliver PCC SEE training. Participants also learned about the specifics of learning in an electronic environment.

## ***Other events***

## **UNODC-WCO conducts a scoping mission to Kosovo**

**27-29 June | Pristina, Kosovo**

The UNODC – WCO mission conducted a scoping mission to Kosovo in the efforts of identifying and understanding the existing situation in the area of border control - with particular focus on the control of containers, cargos and freight. A report, conceived as a dynamic participatory process, is in preparation.



*Scoping mission in Kosovo*

## **Kosovo Police and Albanian State Police SOCTA**

On 1st April 2016, the General Director of Kosovo Police approved and signed its SOCTA report; both the confidential and publicly available versions.

From April 3rd to the 6<sup>th</sup>, a working group between Kosovo Police and Albanian State Police was facilitated.

The working group resulted with the first draft of the Joint SOCTA Document which is now pending approval from the management of both police services.

## **Presentation of the Macedonia - Montenegro - Serbia Joint SOCTA at the OSCE's Annual Police Experts Meeting (APEM)**

**9-10 June 2016 | Vienna, Austria**

At the OSCE's APEM, representatives of the three countries participating in the Project were invited to present their experience of cooperation on the development of regional SOCTA. This year's meeting focused on Intelligence-led policing: a model for strategic planning, strengthening community policing, and countering transnational threats posed by criminal activity. The Joint SOCTA was presented to the panel entitled "ILP and Targeting Organized Crime".

OSCE and other participants at the APEM were enthusiastic to explore this model and the possibilities for it to be used in other OSCE areas, seeing it as an example of effective cooperation among the police services in the region.



*Presentation of the Joint SOCTA*



## NEWS

### SPCP Storyboard

Now in its final year, the Swiss Regional Police Cooperation Programme in the Western Balkans has made significant gains in contributing to the strengthening of regional police cooperation and to the efficient and effective fight against organised and serious crime.

Whilst the SPCP Mid Term Review sourced contributions from Programme stakeholders and produced a formal report, SDC and DCAF believe that the Programme merits the creation of a publicly available visual narrative that will not only complement the final report but also act as a means to provide greater transparency as to the outputs and outcomes of the Programme.

The development of the Storyboard will commence in September 2016 and will be constructed on a web based multimedia platform - consisting of a combination of image, text, audio and video.

### New DCAF Director takes office

After a career spanning 16 years, from DCAF's foundation in October 2000 through its growth and establishment as a major player in the field of SSR, Ambassador Dr. Theodor H. Winkler has officially retired.

Ambassador Thomas Guerber took office as Director of DCAF on 1 July 2016. He brings to the position extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy and policy development relating to human security, human rights and sustainable development.

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