

Visit to the Israeli National Police Academy, 27-29 June 2016

Practical details:

Flights:

BDP-TLV; WIZZAIR; W6 2457

27 JUN BUDAPEST BUD - TEL AVIV TAFO TLV 06:10 10:25

TLV-BDP; EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES, LY 2367

29 JUN TEL AVIV YAFO TLV - BUDAPEST BUD 20:25 22:50

The contact person in Israel – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - will be waiting in uniform as we get off the plane, [REDACTED].

During the stay the transportation will be organised by the Israeli side.

The accommodation is booked by the hosts in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem,
<http://www.danhotels.com/JerusalemHotels/KingDavidJerusalemHotel/index.htm>

Official Programme:

1. Comprehensive visit to the Police Academy, presentations of training programmes;
2. Visit to the Border Guard training base (confirmation pending from the EU mission).

Main interlocutors:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]

Representation material (coins, CEPOL annual report, training catalogue) & ppt presentation requested from CEPOL Communications team.

Lines to take (for consideration)

- Express satisfaction about the visit taking place
- Commend high level of Israeli expertise in law enforcement
- Commend to the new National Police Academy, as an innovative institution that aims to optimize training by using the means and resources at its disposal for multiple and varied training courses.
- Introduce new legal basis, mandate and seat of CEPOL
- Express satisfaction as regards Israeli participation at CEPOL so far, underline room for improvement and unexploited potential (future R&S conferences, future dedicated EUROMED Police IV space on e-NET) (*participation to CEPOL activities atoc*)

- [REDACTED]

Background:

It has to be noted that Israel considers itself as a European country, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

General guidance from the EEAS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



CEPOL-Israel relations



CEPOL's work programme for 2016 contains a reference on extending cooperation to European Neighbourhood Partnership countries, in particular Southern countries. Same principle applies to the future External Relations Sub strategy which is currently dealt by the GB Chair.

In the past, there was good cooperation with Israel in the framework of the EUROMED Police II project (2007-2010) on serious and organised crime and terrorism. Israel participated in the majority of training activities even among very difficult political circumstances. [REDACTED] played a crucial role in ensuring Israeli participation. Also participation at high level in the meeting of General Directors Israel was present and active.

No participants to webinars over the past 3 years.

Israel has not contributed, nor attended R&S conference so far.

Residential activities:

Year	Course	Participants
2016	Research and Science Conference - Global Trends in Law Enforcement Training and Education – 5-7 October	May attend at their own costs
2015	Witness Protection advanced level (CEPOL-Europol) - 1	1 
2014	Illegal gambling and organised crime- 1; Witness Protection advanced level (CEPOL-Europol) - 1	2 
2013	-	-

EUROMED Police IV

In July 2015 the European Commission published an invitation to participate in a tender for participation in the EUROMED Police IV project aiming to provide tailored capacity building in priority areas based on the identification of needs and promote the sharing of existing good practices and expertise. The specifications envisage involvement of CEPOL by providing a dedicated space on e-Net for creation of a Euromed Knowledge Base and the implementation of exchanges and study visits.

In 2016 CEPOL will be involved in setting up and making available the dedicated e-NET space. A kick-off meeting with DG NEAR took place on 27 May 2016 (PD participated), CEPOL waits for further instructions from the project leader [REDACTED].

CEPOL is mentioned in the ToR of the project and a member of the project team is to be based at CEPOL HQ.

About the National Police Academy of Israel

The National Police Academy, inaugurated in January 2015 (20 years after the idea was first conceived), combines all of the Israel Police training under one roof. The Academy aims to optimize training by using the means and resources at its disposal for multiple and varied training courses. This efficiency allows the police to allocate a smaller number of resources to a larger number of training courses, cutting costs and expanding budgets for new equipment and courses.

