



*Memorandum of Understanding  
On Establishing the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs  
Association*

Preamble

Reference: N7RD

In order to strengthen the police cooperation and identifying the necessity to establish a new strategic approach,

In need of a legal and mandated network of the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs,

In order to increase the police capacity in fighting all forms of crime,

Recognizing the necessity to intensify efforts in order to pursue common security interests,

Reaffirming the common will to strengthen mutual assistance in police matters,

Aiming to intensify and enhance police cooperation based on partnership,

Convinced that in the field of police co-operation particular attention must be paid to the mid and long term strategy to increase its level.

On the understanding that the forms of cooperation laid down should not affect other forms of bilateral or multilateral cooperation

And based on their own will and initiative

The Chiefs of the police services of the Republic of Albania, the Republic of



Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Romania and the Republic of Serbia, hereinafter referred to as Members,

Have agreed on the following:

- to cooperate in the development and implementation of policing strategies, procedures and services in the region,
- to facilitate regional partnerships and interagency cooperation,
- to promote policing concepts, practices and strategies,
- to harmonise the policing in SEE with the common European legal standards and general principles of codes of practice for police structures,
- to improve the effectiveness and cooperation of the police structures in preventing and combating all forms of crime according to their legal competences,
- to establish a common strategic approach in order to avoid duplication on the related issues.

#### **Article 1**

#### **Definition of the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA)**

The Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association, hereinafter referred to as SEPCA, shall be established hereby as the highest police professional network composed of the police chiefs of Southeast Europe as representatives of their National Police Authorities.



## **Article 2**

### **Membership**

The **MEMBERS** shall be the police services of the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Romania and the Republic of Serbia.

The **PARTNERS** – shall be national as well as international law enforcement organisations, other relevant authorities and police services and national or international NPOs (Non-Profit-Organisations) as well as NGOs (Non-Governmental-Organisations).

## **Article 3**

### **Goals**

The goal of this MoU is to enhance the direct communication between chiefs of police in order to achieve high level standards of policing in favour of a safer and better life of citizens and civil society and

to provide professional contribution to the national stakeholders in order to fulfill the implementation process of police cooperation instruments in force.

## **Article 4**

### **Mission**

The mission of SEPCA shall refer to the following :

1. to propose and adopt a mid and long term strategy in order to develop common activities in the field of prevention and combating criminal



phenomena,

2. to ensure consistency with the EU policy cycle,
3. to strengthen cooperation between the Members with a view to attain these objectives,
4. to take the necessary steps to harmonize the common activities and to improve the cooperative spirit between the Members,
5. to be the central strategic network ensuring a secure and safe environment for the citizens in the region of Southeast Europe, enhancing the effective and democratic police services in the countries of the Members and preventing and fighting all forms of serious and organised crime and terrorism in the region.

#### **Article 5** **Areas of Activities**

Areas of activities of SEPCA shall include the following:

1. Management and support as well as enhancement of the regional and international police cooperation.
2. Development and monitoring of the SEPCA Strategy.
3. Coordination of the SEPCA members activities.
4. Promotion of the regional ownership at international level.
5. Raising public awareness about SEPCA activities.



**Article 6**  
**Bodies of SEPCA**

The bodies of SEPCA shall be:

- a) **THE PRESIDENCY** shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President and the immediate past President.
- b) **THE MANAGEMENT BOARD** shall be composed of the police chiefs of each SEPCA member.
- c) **THE STRATEGY BOARD** shall be composed of the national coordinators of each SEPCA member.
- d) **THE SEPCA OFFICE** shall be the operative body nominated by the President.

**Article 7**  
**Reference to the Guidelines**

The jointly elaborated SEPCA Guidelines shall serve as the basis for all activities and shall be considered an integrated component of this MoU, as stipulated in the Annex to this MoU.

**Article 8**  
**Final Provision**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time and shall enter into force on the day of the signature.

Each Member may withdraw from this MoU at any time by sending the written notification to the other Members. The withdrawal shall take effect six months after the date on which the notification to the other Members was sent. Activities existing



or ongoing under this MoU at the time of its withdrawal shall nonetheless be completed.

Signed in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, on 26th of November 2014, in ten original copies in the English language.

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