

Police Cooperation Convention for South East Europe

A Legal Framework to Combat
Transnational Terrorism
And Criminal Organisations

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The Convention

- Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (PCC SEE)
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro
- 5 May 2006 in Vienna
- Entry into force on 10 October 2008
- In force for all Contracting Parties

History

- Idea of the Austrian Ministry of Interior
- Support by Germany, Europol, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Negotiations between 2004 and May 2006
- Contracting Parties, Croatia and the supporting partners



PCC SEE – Scope

- Strengthen cooperation
- To fight threats to public security/order
- To prevent, detect, investigate criminal offences
- (Article 1)

Forms of Cooperation

- Strategic cooperation (e.g. Art. 3, 11, 12, 24)
- Operational cooperation (e.g. Art. 13, 26, 28)
- Special investigation methods (e.g. Art. 14 – 17, 27)
- Mutual legal assistance (Art. 18 – 19)



Specific Instruments to combat TER and OC

- Art. 5 – Scope of information exchange
- Art. 7 – Joint Threat Assessment
- Art. 10 – Witness Protection
- Art. 14 – Cross-border Surveillance
- Art. 15 – Controlled delivery
- Art. 16 and 17 – Undercover Investigations
- Art. 27 – Joint Investigation Teams

SPEP- Objectives

- Monitor the ratification process
- Support the implementation
- Smooth the application

of the Convention in order to contribute to

- Enhancement of cross-border cooperation
- Improvement of internal security of the Parties of the Convention

SPEP- Structure

- Austrian Ministry of Interior and DCAF
- European Commission, Germany, Slovenia, Switzerland, Europol, Interpol, OSCE, RCC, SECI-Centre Bucharest, ICMPD, SEPCA
- Working Group according to Art. 33.2
- IBM and workshops on police cooperation

PCC SEE – State of play

- ✓ National POCs
- ✓ Questionnaires answered
- ✓ Meeting of the of Ministers
- ✓ 2 Expert Working Group (33.2.)
- ✓ Workshop IBM
- ✓ Workshop Police Cooperation
- ✓ Commitment of the international partners
- ✓ Recommendations

Foundations for recommendations

- Questionnaires and study visits (WG IBM)
- Questionnaires and 1st workshop (WG PC)
- Analysis and recommendations from international partners



Recommendations I

1. Road map for the implementation
2. Drafting a manual
3. Correction Art. 15 and 17
4. Secretariat



Recommendations II

1. Communication of the Convention
2. Bi- and multilateral agreements
3. Amending national legislation
4. Setting up National Central Units
5. Setting up Common Centers
6. Organizing Common Training



SPEP – Next steps

- Setting up of the Secretariat
- 2nd meeting WG PC
- 3rd meeting expert working group
Art. 33.2. (2nd half 2008, FYROM)
- 2nd Ministerial meeting



**Thank you
for your attention !**