

## Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We would hereby like to thank you once again for your participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual professional EPAC Conference in Manchester last month and your active involvement in the further development of POB and ACA concerns.

As has been agreed in Manchester, there will be at least four working groups this year: 'PO Principles' (Chair: England & Wales), 'AC Standards' (Chair: Latvia and Lithuania), 'Staff Exchange' (Chair: Belgium) and 'EPAC Partners – Constitution' (Chair: EPAC President).

In order to give you insights into the different working groups and to facilitate your decision to participate in one or several of them, please find below brief descriptions of the planned work and ideas of each group.

We would highly appreciate if EPAC partners who have already proactively contributed to the further development of police oversight and anti-corruption matters throughout the year would continue to do so. However, we would also like to invite other organizations to cooperate actively.

As discussed in Manchester, for those ACAs of EU MS that are interested, it is possible, in accordance with Art. 2 of the Council Decision 2008/852/JHA of 24 October 2008 (see link below), to register as contact point for the European Anti-Corruption Network (EACN) at the EPAC Secretariat from now on. Please note that such registration **does not** affect your EPAC membership.

As we are also committed to advancing research in PO and AC matters, we would hereby like to forward a questionnaire (please find attached) designed by a Croatian colleague who is writing his doctoral thesis on the subject of "Prevention of Criminal Offences and Other Punishable Behaviour of Police Officers". You may wish to fill in this form and e-mail it directly to Mr. Željko Mršić ([zmrasic@fkz.hr](mailto:zmrasic@fkz.hr)). Please be informed that EPAC only provides its services for the distribution of the questionnaire but is not in any way involved in the research itself.

In case of any query, feel free to contact the EPAC Secretariat by telephone (+43-(0)1-53126-5738), mobile (+43 664 85 72 815), or e-mail ([bia151@bmi.gv.at](mailto:bia151@bmi.gv.at)).

We hope to see you soon in the working groups!

**Your EPAC Secretariat**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:301:0038:0039:EN:PDF>

## PO PRINCIPLES WG

Following a successful series of meetings, work will restart in 2009 on developing the European Police Oversight Principles draft.

- Survey of all POB members to determine current compliance with the principles.
- Further consultation on the police oversight principles draft – including with Council of Europe, and other interested parties.
- Development of a strategy and framework for implementing the principles, and monitoring compliance.
- Collation of examples of good practice, and statistical information from POB members – to be presented to the 2009 conference for discussion and agreement.
- To capture good practice from the Anti-Corruption Standards draft, paying particular attention to the ways in which the synergy between these two documents can be developed in the long-term to ensure consistency and maximum value for EPAC members.



Nicolas Long

Space remains in the working group, chaired by Nicholas Long of the IPCC (England and Wales) for new or additional members, please email [international.liaison@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:international.liaison@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk) for more information.

Please also notify the EPAC Secretariat about your participation in the working group by telephone or e-mail to ensure the best possible coordination between the working groups.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Nicholas Long,  
IPCC, England and Wales

## AC STANDARDS WG

During the anti-corruption workshop of the EPAC Conference in Manchester it was decided that the AC Standards working group continues its activities in 2009. Following the workshop's discussions, risk assessment of corruption prone areas has been suggested as one of the topics to be dealt with by the working group in the coming year. Other issues of common interest would include integrity checking and national security aspects in investigating corruption cases.

The work schedule has not been arranged yet, but it is planned to hold at least one meeting in Riga or Vilnius. As a starting point, an outline of the above topics will be prepared by the Chairs of the working group. In the meantime, we would welcome your ideas and proposals.

The working group's PoCs are Ms Inese GAIKA (Tel. +371 67356135, email: [Inese.Gaika@knab.gov.lv](mailto:Inese.Gaika@knab.gov.lv)) and Ms Jūratė TUMONIENE (Tel. +370 5 266 3396, email: [jura@stt.lt](mailto:jura@stt.lt)). We expect you signing up for or confirming your membership in the working group by the end of January 2009.

Please also notify the EPAC Secretariat about your participation in the working group by telephone or e-mail to ensure the best possible coordination between the working groups.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Juta Strike  
Latvian KNAB

Žimantas Pacevičius  
Lithuanian STT



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## STAFF EXCHANGE WG

The working group "Transnational cooperation & Staff exchange" was launched at the 2007 EPAC Conference in Helsinki. It is chaired by Gil Bourdoux, member of the Belgian Standing Police monitoring Committee.



Gil L. Bourdoux

The working group has held two meetings in Brussels in 2008, at the end of which it has finalized a working document containing practical measures aiming to enhance transnational cooperation and staff exchange among EPAC partners. Two priority projects were selected for the coming year: the exchange of all useful information and staff exchange, as further defined in the working document.

The working group has presented its results to the EPAC Conference in Manchester. It was decided that it should continue its activities in 2009 under the name "Staff exchange working group".

The third meeting of the working group will take place in Bruges on Tuesday 15 January 2009. It will be dedicated to the initiation and planning stages of the two selected priority projects. The working group's POC is Astrid Brüls (Tel. +32 2 286 28 47, email: [astrid.bruls@comitep.be](mailto:astrid.bruls@comitep.be)). We would be pleased to get new participants joining the working group. If interested, please sign up ASAP.

Please also notify the EPAC Secretariat about your participation in the working group by telephone or e-mail to ensure the best possible coordination between the working groups.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Gil Bourdoux,  
Committee P, Belgium.

## EPAC Partners Working Group "Constitution"

Already existing since 2001, EPAC has, over the years, developed a sustainable structure and has taken over more and more responsibilities in the advancement of international cooperation in PO and ACA issues.

As discussions in Manchester have shown, there is significant demand for the further (structural) development of EPAC. Therefore, some basic frameworks shall be discussed to define the future aims and objectives, and proposals for provisions relating to, among others, governing structure, membership, finances, and rules of procedure should be made.



Martin Kreutner

Since informal cooperation has proved to be very successful so far, it will be of utmost importance not to burden the network with too many administrative tasks but to continue focusing on the development of contents provided by EPAC.

It is planned to hold the first meeting of the EPAC Partners WG from 29 to 30 January in Vienna. The working group's PoC is Mrs. Evelin DREIER (tel.: +43 664 85 72 815, email: [bia151@bmi.gv.at](mailto:bia151@bmi.gv.at)). Your ideas and proposals as well as your signing up for the WG are welcome ASAP.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Martin Kreutner  
BIA, Austria