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Euromed Police II Project – Final Regional Conference

On 13th July 2010, Mr Cornaro, Director for Europe, Southern Mediterranean, Middle East and Neighbourhood Policy at EuropeAid Office of co-operation, opened the final regional conference of the Euromed Police II Project in Brussels.

The objective of this project targeting senior police executives from the Mediterranean partner countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria and Tunisia) was to create a network of professionals from both sides of the Mediterranean sea and enhance cooperation in their professional fields.

Various activities were therefore implemented: meetings of the General Directors, training seminars, study visits and creation of internal communication tools. More specifically: 15 training seminars on the topics of organised crime, either general or specialised, that concerned 314 officers from Mediterranean countries, technical seminars on terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration routes in the region, etc... aimed at the heads or deputy heads of special intervention units (45 officers), study visits in specialised services within police services from several EU countries (35 officers) as well as meetings of the general directors of the Police/Security/Customs services. (globally 250 officers).

The topics covered were all major aspects of organised crime: terrorism, drug-trafficking, trafficking in human beings, financial crime, cyber crime, etc.

Entirely financed up to five millions euros by the European Commission, this project implemented by the European Police College (CEPOL) started in June 2007 and will be finalised on the 30th of September 2010.

Altogether, more than 700 persons participated to these activities, out of which more than 500 from the Mediterranean countries. This was a real success, regarding the political background in this area over the last three years. This is why the representatives of the European Union announced that a new project, namely Euromed Police III will be launched next year.



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