

Division for International affairs

The operation of the Swedish National Police Academy's Division for International affairs aims to promote an exchange of expertise in connection with international police activities, methods and law enforcements. The aim is also for this international approach to permeate the training of future police officers and the police organisation as a whole. The Division for International affairs of the Swedish National Police Academy was set up in February 2008. It operates in line with the international strategy adopted by the Swedish Police. In addition to its involvement in international networks, the Division for International affairs also welcomes overseas visitors for the purpose of study. The visitors often come from countries outside of the EU for the purpose of learning about the structure of the Swedish police training programme or a specific subject area. As a member of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Swedish National Police Academy will in 2009 host a large number of European Police College conferences. The Division for International affairs is responsible for the planning and implementation of this sizeable event with over 600 participants, putting the Swedish National Police Academy under a lot of scrutiny. International networks that the Swedish National Police Academy participates in:

CEPOL

The European Police College (CEPOL) has its head office in England and was established as an agency of the EU in 2006. It is also a united network for the Member States of EU and their national police training institutions.

Every year, CEPOL organises a number of courses (87 in 2008) for police officers and experts in the EU and associated countries (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland). The objectives of CEPOL are to contribute to the training of police officers in the member states and to support and develop a coherent European approach to the prevention of crimes, in particular cross-border crimes. The training offered through CEPOL is open to all employees of the Swedish Police and is free of charge.

The Swedish National Police Academy is responsible for administrating the courses offered by CEPOL and distributing invitations to the various police authorities. Apart from being open to every employee of the Swedish Police, the CEPOL training programme also features the involvement of Swedish experts and lecturers. For more information, please visit

www.cepola.europa.eu.

Nordcop

Nordic police training programmes run a cooperation programme called Nordcop incorporating among other an exchange programme for trainee police officers and teachers. The cooperation programme also includes a partnership development project on coercive measures, ethics, etc. The objective of Nordcop is to create opportunities for fulfilling the intentions of the Bologna Process in respect of higher education, in this case the training of police officers.

The magnitude of Nordcop is decided at an annual meeting held by the principals of the Nordic police academies. Each country appoints a national programme coordinator. The Swedish national coordinator is located at the Division for International affairs of the Swedish National Police Academy. Nearly 50 percent of the Nordcop cooperation programme is funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers' financial programme Nordplus. Remaining costs are funded by the police academy in the respective country. For more information, please visit

www.nordplusonline.org.

AEPC

The Association of European Police Colleges (AEPC) – an informal network of European police academies – is made up of 45 police academies from 37 European countries. AEPC organises courses, conferences and other activities for the purpose supporting and developing police

training programmes throughout Europe. AEPC complements CEPOL but is also an important instrument for informal collaborations. For more information, please visit www.aepc.net.

The Division for International affairs also organises the Swedish National Police Academy's involvement in other international networks such as IIIRG (International Investigative Interview Research Group), EU funded exchange programmes and bilateral development cooperation projects.