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Participation of the ISF Project "EASTEAMS" at the CEPOL Annual Conference (Rome 25-27/03/2025)

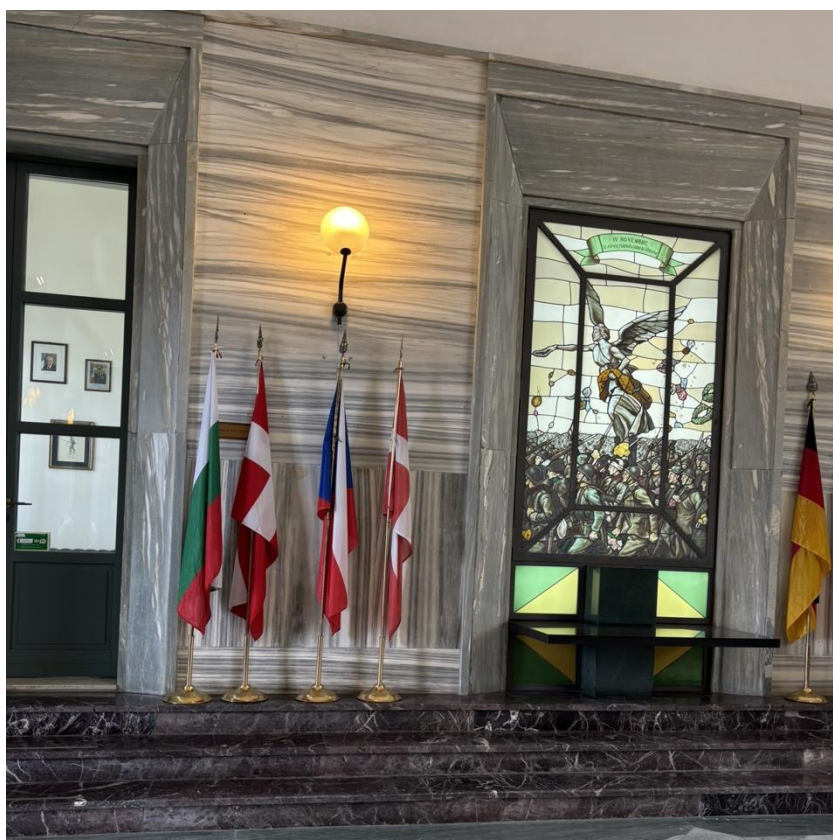
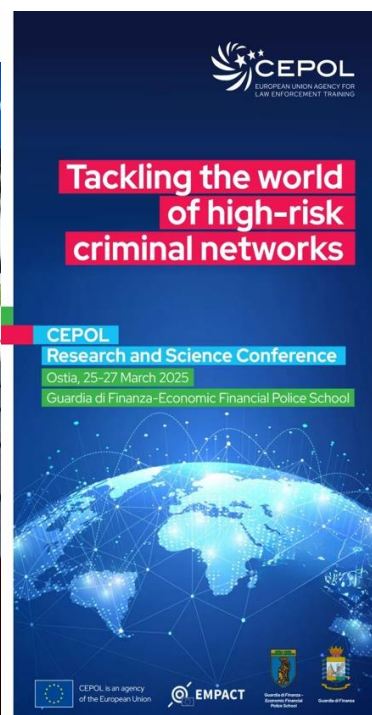
A significant success for the Hellenic Police and the project "EASTEAMS", in which is the Coordinator, was the participation and presentation of the project at the annual CEPOL Conference, which was held at Guardia di Finanza Economic and Financial Police School, in Rome from 25 to 27 March. The Conference was attended by representatives of academic institutions, law enforcement professionals, representatives of judicial authorities, policy makers and other stakeholders. The main theme of this year's Conference focused on the research being carried out on the complexity of the ways in which criminal activities are committed and how to deal with them in the world of High-Risk Criminal Networks. The importance of the Conference is also demonstrated by the participation of high-ranking European Union officials such as the Commissioner for Home Affairs and Immigration, Mr. M. Brunner and the Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, Mr. J. Zarzalejos.

Both the topics presented and the awareness questions - problems posed by the participants were aimed at understanding the seriousness of the actions of High-Risk Criminal Networks in the life of the citizen and society in general. During the Conference, 330 participants from 54 countries examined and discussed the rapid digitization of criminal networks and the emergence of hybrid threats, exchanging practical strategies and innovative research techniques to address evolving threats while discussing the importance of enhancing cross-border and inter-agency cooperation to ensure a coordinated response.



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High-risk criminal networks operate as profit-driven businesses and reducing their financial incentives is key to dismantling their activities. Collaboration between law enforcement, the judiciary, academics, victim support organizations, the media and the private sector is crucial to preventing criminal infiltration into our societies and economies. To tackle high-risk criminal networks, law enforcement authorities must be equipped with the appropriate capabilities (access to data, better technology and tools, targeted training activities).

The EASTEAMS research project aims to prevent and combat illegal immigration trafficking and smuggling, while preventing criminal organizations and criminal



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networks from operating in the field of trafficking and smuggling in human beings through the creation of a Common Operational Partnership (COP) structure.

This structure will support:

- cooperation between the relevant Law Enforcement Authorities of Pakistan as well as the Country Partners of the Project (Greece, Cyprus, France, Germany), both at operational and pre-trial level.
- the development and organization of training programs - exercises,
- the creation of an operational app and other appropriate communication tools



The long-term cooperation of the Hellenic Police with CEPOL in educational and other processes is highly constructive, recognizing the positive contribution it has made to the development of new and innovative educational tools that will help the officers of the Hellenic Police in optimizing its effectiveness in the field of crime fighting. Therefore, the presentation of the research project "EASTEAMS", in which the Hellenic Police is "leading" as coordinator, at the annual CEPOL conference leaves a positive imprint on the achievement of the project's objectives.



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