



European Actions Strengthening Teams Establishment Against Migrant Smuggling

PRESS RELEASE

Participation of the Hellenic Police in an International Training Activity in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, within the framework of the «EASTEAMS» Project

Within the framework of the European research project «EASTEAMS» (European Actions Strengthening Teams Establishment Against Migrant Smuggling), and more specifically Work Package 3 (Training Programme), an international training activity entitled «COP TRAINING» was conducted in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, from 24 to 27 November 2025.

The training was hosted at the Bavarian University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration – Police Department (BayHfÖD) and formed part of the project's capacity-building activities. The EASTEAMS project aims to strengthen international cooperation in combating criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling, through the establishment of a Common Operational Partnership (COP) structure.

The training activity was attended by members of the Hellenic Police Working Group for the EASTEAMS project, representatives of the Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA), the Cyprus Police, the Hellenic Ministry of Justice, the Bavarian University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration, which also undertook the organisation of the training, the Hellenic Police Liaison Officer in Pakistan, as well as other partners of the project consortium, further enhancing the operational and transnational nature of the cooperation.

The training was delivered by specialised INTERPOL officers, who presented the Organisation's role, operational capabilities and available tools in the fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

The training programme included :

- analysis and comparison of the phenomena of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling, including their modern digital manifestations,
- presentation of INTERPOL's operational capabilities, databases and tools,
- strengthening international operational cooperation and information exchange,
- training in the collection, analysis, storage and use of information, with particular emphasis on the use of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) tools,

- addressing document fraud **and** illicit financial flows associated with the aforementioned crimes and
- exchange of best practices and operational experiences among the participating countries.

Particular emphasis was placed on the establishment of sustainable operational partnerships, as well as on enhancing the preparedness and interoperability of the competent authorities for the more effective tackling of migrant smuggling at European and international level.

The participation of the Hellenic Police in this training activity confirms the country's active and enhanced role in the planning and implementation of European security initiatives, as well as its commitment to combating organised crime through international cooperation.

Through its continuous involvement in international training activities and operational cooperation, the Hellenic Police makes a substantial contribution to the protection of human life, the dismantling of criminal networks, and the strengthening of internal security at both national and European levels.



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