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1.1 PRESENTATION BY COUNTRY

1.1.1 FRANCE

As part of the technical agreement with the Gendarmerie Nationale that has been in place since 2001, 12 members of the GOS (*Groupe d'Observation et de Surveillance*) take part in car driving safety training courses at the driving facility in Wüschheim every year in conjunction with driving training on the Nürburgring racetrack for one week; in 2023 from 19 to 24 March 2023 and from 06 to 11 August 2023.

The participants praised the professional support and the individual adaptation of the exercises to the respective drivers. The driving facility in Wüschheim was positively emphasized by the participants, as all important aspects of safe and efficient driving can be trained there, from slalom driving to braking and evasive maneuvers to cornering technique. The participants were particularly impressed by the opportunity to carry out high-speed training on the Nürburgring racetrack. The training vehicles provided were also rated positively in terms of condition and performance.

In return, two week-long courses in motorcycle safety training were held in Fontainebleau, France, for ten motorcyclists from Rhineland-Palatinate each, from 06 to 10 November and from 13 to 17 November 2023, with an instructor from the HdP also taking part. His focus was on sharing specialist and expert knowledge and building a network to promote the exchange of experience and cooperation, including in particular the deepening/expansion/updating of knowledge, skills and abilities.

The regular training courses in France improve the quality of the training and further training of motorcyclists in the Rhineland-Palatinate police force, which is ultimately reflected in better performance of duties and increased road safety.

1.1.2 ISRAEL

The Children's and Youth Aliyah in Israel is the largest Jewish children's charity and a global role model for the integration of new immigrants and the care of socially disadvantaged children. In Germany, the German Committee of Children and Youth Aliyah supports various projects in Israeli youth villages in the form of an independent non-profit association. The exchange between the Israeli youth village Nir Ha'emek of the Children's and Youth Aliyah and the Rhineland-Palatinate police has been in existence since 2014 and serves both to establish police contacts outside Europe and to promote mutual cultural understanding and takes account of the special German-Israeli history. The young people get to know the structure and working methods of the German police within the framework of the project "Police cadets visiting Rhineland-Palatinate".

From 07 to 14 May 2023, a delegation representing the police university flew to the youth village Nir Ha'emek in Israel for the fifth time. The delegation, primarily students from the 26th Bachelor's degree programme, not only completed an extensive cultural programme during their one-week stay, but also visited the central state police academy in Beit Shemesh, the police headquarters in Haifa and the German embassy in Tel Aviv.

The return visit of 12 Israeli youths and their two tutors at campus Hahn took place from 16 to 23 July 2023. The programme included getting to know the university, visits to the police school in Luxembourg and the police headquarters in Mainz, as well as visits to the riot police in Wittlich and the water police in Koblenz. Numerous cultural activities offered the young people the opportunity to get an impression of the country and its people and to visit past and present places of Jewish life in Germany and get in touch with representatives of the Jewish community. The group was impressed by the rich and interactive programme of the visit and the warm welcome at the police university. The intensive contact with numerous committed students throughout the week was particularly praised.

The exchange will continue in 2024.

On 11 October 2023, the ceremony to mark the 90th anniversary of the Children's and Youth Aliyah association took place in Frankfurt, to which the police university was also invited. The evening's speakers included the Consul General of the State of Israel, Ms Tayla Lador-Fresher, the Mayor of the City of Frankfurt, Mr Mike Josef, and the Vice President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Mr Mark Dainow. After a short video message from Israel, the granddaughter of the founder of the Children's and Youth Aliyah, Mrs Susan Caine, spoke about her experiences. The evening was musically accompanied by the orchestra academy of the symphony orchestra of the Hessian radio.

1.1.3 LUXEMBURG

Cooperation with the Luxembourgish neighbours, although not based on a formal agreement, has a long tradition and is characterised by trustful and transparent exchanges.

On 21 September 2023, students from the 25th Bachelor's degree programme met with newly recruited police cadets from Luxembourg for the annual memorial site tour at the former concentration camp in Hinzert. During a wreath-laying ceremony, those present jointly commemorated the victims who died in Hinzert under the Nazi regime. The commemorative event offered the opportunity to become aware of the consequences of stereotypical discriminatory thinking and behaviour. For the police profession in particular, it is essential to always critically scrutinise and reflect on one's own thoughts and actions. The next "Joint Day of Remembrance for Hinzert" is planned for September 2024.

1.1.4 SWITZERLAND

The police university has been cooperating with the Zurich City Police since 2022, particularly in the area of further developing VR-based training. Professional discourse and the exchange of information take place in irregular online meetings. In addition, the last face-to-face exchange on VR training took place in May 2023 with managers from the Zurich City Police.

1.1.5 USA

In 2023, the police university resumed contact with the US Security Police as part of the cooperation with the 569th US Forces Police Squadron of the US Armed Forces based in Kaiserlautern with the aim of organising joint training sessions and meetings again. In this context, the US military police compare their own procedures with the tactics and techniques taught by the local police and, if necessary, adapt them to ensure smooth mutual support if required.

1.2 CROSS-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1.2.1 INTERNATIONAL PROJECT WEEK / INTERNSHIP ABROAD

The police university offers the opportunity to participate in an international project week or an internship abroad in module 10 of the Bachelor's degree programme.

On the occasion of the international project week from 09 to 13 January 2023, the police university welcomed 29 guests from a total of eight European countries. Police students and teachers from Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Romania travelled to campus Hahn for the international project week. The students of the police university familiarized their guests with the organization of the police in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate and informed them about the Bachelor's degree programme in policing as well as studies and life on campus Hahn. Moreover, project groups compared police standards (law, tactics, tactical equipment). A special item on the programme was the visit to the Luxembourg police school organised by the Luxembourg colleagues.

At the same time, 35 students had the opportunity to travel to Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Luxembourg, Romania and Switzerland for the internship abroad. It is intended to promote the students' foreign language skills and intercultural competences and to provide insights into the legal requirements and organisation of the respective national police work.

On the occasion of the international project week from 22 to 26 May 2023, the police university welcomed 43 guests from a total of ten European countries. Police students and teachers from Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Georgia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain and Switzerland travelled to campus Hahn for the international project week.

At the same time, 53 students from the police university had the opportunity to spend their internship abroad in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Georgia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain.

1.2.2 ERASMUS+

Since October 2017, the police university has an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), which entitles it to participate in and carry out mobility measures under the 2021-2027 generation of the Erasmus+ project. Since December 2018, the police university is a member of the Erasmus consortium of the Agency for International Mobility in Higher Education (a.i.m. rlp) based at the University of Applied Sciences in Trier.

1.2.2.1 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP "TRIDENT"

The police university maintained a strategic partnership with the Școala de Agenți of the Poliție "Septimiu Mureșan" Cluj-Napoca/Romania and the Miskolci Rendvédelmi Technikum/Hungary with the project name "Trident". The project, which ran from November 2020 to March 2023, focused on standards and training products for tutors in police internships. The aim was to create a uniform framework for practical training in police training institutions by developing the skills of tutors and organising the internship in line with European developments in vocational education and training.

The products to be created during the project included a professional training standard for the tutors' work, a curriculum for the tutors' training, an internship guide for tutors, an internship guide for students and the TRIDENT educational platform, on which all project results are made permanently available to students and tutors. In addition, ten virtual deployment scenarios were created and made available to the partners by the police university.

The final conference took place from 14 to 17 March 2023 in Cluj-Napoca/Romania. The local project management and other members of the project team took part on behalf of the police university.

1.2.2.2 ESTONIA

As part of the cooperation with the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board based in Tallinn, two members of the police university travelled to Estonia from 12 to 17 November 2023 for a professional exchange. The focus of this visit was on shadowing within the central training centres there as well as various police authorities. In addition to the theory, it was also possible to examine mainly practical training and further training measures in shooting and tactical training, whereby the basics of Rhineland-Palatinate close quarter combat and arrest training as well as shooting training were also presented and moderated in practice in corresponding courses. The members of the police university were also given an insight into the Estonian police's training course for operational trainers and the Estonian police's advanced digitalisation strategy. Based on a targeted analysis of weak points, the professional exchange brought considerable added value for the training and further education of the Rhineland-Palatinate police.

1.2.2.3 FINLAND

Five of the police university's driving and safety instructors visited the Police University College in Tampere/Finland from 12 to 17 February 2023. During the stay, there was not only a lively exchange of knowledge, but it also enabled the participants to improve their own skills with regard to driving in winter conditions, as these are naturally not to be found in Rhineland-Palatinate.

From 16 to 20 October 2023, three representatives of the IT department also visited the Police University College in Tampere as part of the exchange on E-learning. The aim was to gain new impetus for the field of digital education. In a fruitful exchange, the respective IT structures were compared and insights into the methodological approaches were gained.

1.2.2.4 AUSTRIA

From 21 to 24 August 2023, an international exchange and network meeting of the Europe-wide forum "VR and Police" took place at the Vienna Security Academy under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior. Over 70 participants from eleven nations were able to find out about the latest developments and technologies in the field of simulation. The police university contributed to the forum with presentations and workshops and was able to present the current status of the SAFER programme (German abbreviation for "simulation in training for emergency services in Rhineland-Palatinate") at the event.

1.2.3 EUROPEAN ROADS POLICING NETWORK

From 18 to 20 April 2023, two representatives of study area V (Traffic Law/Traffic Studies) of the police university took part in an online seminar on amended regulations in the field of commercial freight and passenger transport (EU mobility package).

2 VISITS ABROAD/RETURN VISITS

2.1 ESTONIA

From 20 to 24 November 2023, the IT department welcomed representatives of the Estonian police as part of an exchange on the topic of E-Learning. They were particularly interested in the police university's support structures in the field of digital education. One focus was on the topic of LMS (Learning Management System), as the approaches in Estonia and Rhineland-Palatinate are fundamentally different. In order to gain as much insight as possible into the work of the Rhineland-Palatinate police, the delegation from Estonia asked for a visit to a police station in Mainz. The campus Enkenbach-Alsenborn was also visited to present the Rhineland-Palatinate police shooting and tactical training programme.

2.2 FRANCE

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the cooperation agreement between the Ecole Nationale de Police Rouen-Oissel (ENP) and the police university, the head of the ENP visited the police university from 10 to 12 July 2023. The ENP is the second largest training centre of the Police Nationale in France. The guest was informed about the study programme and accommodation at campus Hahn and was given an insight into the shooting and tactical training as well as the driving and safety training at the police university. A lecture on leadership and police management and a visit to the simulation centre were also on the agenda. The programme was rounded off with a visit to the water police in Koblenz. In addition to the personal meeting of the two directors, the focus was on shaping the future cooperation, which, besides continuing the student exchange, will concentrate on the areas of driving and safety training, shooting and tactical training and XVR applications.

The police university also sent a delegation to the ENP Open Day for the second time. From 29 September to 1 October 2023, the delegation consisting of a tactical instructor and a sports teacher presented the Rhineland-Palatinate patrol car as well as the tactical equipment and introduced the sports offer at the police university. Delegations from Belgium and Spain were also present.

2.3 LUXEMBURG

From 8 to 10 May 2023, the police university conducted a three-day car driving safety training course for members of the Luxembourg Police. All participants were able to benefit from the training and improve their skills. Due to the positive feedback, the aim is to host the event again in 2024.

From 19 June to 7 July 2023, two participants from Luxembourg attended the seminar "Basic module monitoring the transport of dangerous goods by road" at the police university.

In addition, a face-to-face meeting was held at the police university on 30 November 2023 with a delegation from Luxembourg in the field of shooting and tactical training. The training opportunities and the conceptual approach were rated very positively, which is why the Luxembourg police will be sending two participants for the first time to the police university's qualification course to become tactical instructors. The course will start in the first quarter.

3 PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

See chapter 1.1.4 and 1.2.2.4.

4 PARTICIPATION IN TOWN-TWINNING PROJECTS

The police university does not participate in town-twinning projects.

5 CONTACTS WITH EU AGENCIES SUCH AS CEPOL, EUROPOL, FRONTEX, ETC.

There have been no such activities in 2023.

6 CONTACTS WITH EU INSTITUTIONS (PARLIAMENT, COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OR COMMISSION)

The work of the police at federal and state level is subject to increasing national and international interdependence. Police work is increasingly characterised by cross-border crime phenomena and the internationalisation of the fight against crime. Therefore, intensive international police co-operation is required in order to ensure security in Germany and in Europe. Managers thus need knowledge of the possibilities of European and international police co-operation in the context of cross-border security and law enforcement as well as foreign police missions. In particular, in-depth knowledge of the legal framework and practical forms of co-operation within the European Union is essential.

17 students from the 16th Master's degree programme at the German Police University had the opportunity to visit the Joint Police Centre Luxembourg and the EU Commission as well as the European Parliament in Brussels in October 2023 as part of the existing cooperation with Hesse and Saarland in module 10 (European police cooperation and national and international police cooperation). The visits served to impart practical content in addition to the theoretical content on police cooperation and European law.

7 OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

There have been no such activities in 2023.

8 CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS INTERPOL ETC.

There have been no such activities in 2023.

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