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FINAL TRAINING SESSION “EUROPEAN UNION POLICE SERVICES TRAINING (EUPST 2011-2013)”

The seventh training session of the project “European Union Police Service Training 2011-2013” (EUPST 2011- 2013) started this morning (the 15th of September) at the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Unit (CoESPU) in Vicenza, and will end on the 26th of September.

The initiative is aimed at the training of personnel for use in civilian crisis management missions under international auspices of the United Nations, African Union and European Union.

The exercise, which will include about 500 operators of 45 police / gendarmerie forces from 35 EU countries, the African Union (AU) and Extra EU contributors to the EU Common Security and Defence Policy, will cover theoretical and practical sessions in the areas of management of the headquarters of a mission of international police, law and order, investigations on local organized crime also dedicated to human trafficking and the illegal waste trafficking, forensic investigation, the activities of the Special Intervention Unit, , protection services and Explosive Ordnance Disposal, as well as notions on respect for human rights, equal gender and protection of vulnerable groups (especially women, children and refugees). Experts and observers from International Organizations are also expected to participate.

Two very intense weeks, during which the representatives of the participating countries will, at first, compare their intervention techniques in various fields in order to synthesize the most effective practices to improve interoperability in international missions of civilian crisis management,

applying them later in the second training week, in a case study set up in a hypothetical scenery of a geographical area characterized by high instability, where an international police force operates under EU aegis to assist the local police and non-governmental organizations in the immediate management of disruption of public order and in the fight against organized crime.

The initiative is part of a wider project "EUPST 2011-2013", co-funded by the European Union and developed in 2011 by a multinational consortium made up of the European Police College (CEPOL), the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of France, by French National Gendarmerie, the Spanish Guardia Civil, the Romanian Gendarmerie, the Marechaussee of the Netherlands and by the Carabinieri, who took over the leadership.

The objective of the project is to train a total of 2400 police officers of gendarmerie forces/police from EU countries (60% - 1440 units), the African Union (20% - 480 units) and Extra contributors to the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (20% - 480 units) to a more effective and coordinated use in future international missions of civilian crisis management.

The actual exercise, carried out in Italy in Vicenza at the Centre of Excellence of the Carabinieri for Stability Police Units (CoESPU), is the final part of the training program wanted by the EU and follows the activities organized in Spain by the Guardia Civil (dual session) and in France by the French National Gendarmerie, in Kenya by the Carabinieri, in Cameroon by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Netherlands by the Royal Marechaussee.