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CoESPU - ORIGINS

On 1st March 2005 the Carabinieri established in Vicenza the international training center called “Centre of Excellence for the Stability Police Units” (CoESPU), based at the Chinotto barracks, which had previously hosted a NCOs School.

CoESPU stems from an Italian initiative, supported by other G8 countries, as agreed at the 2004 Sea Island summit, as part of the technical and financial assistance measures intended to increase the area of peace support operations, with a special emphasis on African countries.

The persistence of conflicts in many developing countries, a phenomenon that has been nearly endemic to parts of Africa, raises questions on how to maintain peace and stability in order to foster social development and economic growth in such an important area of strategic interest.

Despite the previous numerous initiatives undertaken to spur development and encourage good governance, by promoting the regional (African) partnership, the world leaders have recognized the need to further increase the local capacity





recognized the need to further increase the local capacity to restore and maintain peace in countries emerging from periods of crisis.

At the 2002 Kananaskis summit, the leaders of the G-8 Countries took a pledge to “provide technical and financial assistance so that African countries and local, regional and sub-regional organizations are able to engage more effectively to prevent and solve violent conflicts in the continent”.

In the following 2004 Sea Island summit, an action plan named “Expanding Global Capability in Peace Support Operations” was formally adopted. It envisaged, amongst other things, the training – by 2010 – of 75.000 international “peacekeepers”, out of which 10% (about 7.500) composed of “Carabinieri/Gendarmerie like” personnel (that is to say, law enforcement bodies with a military status and organization).



This type of police forces was chosen because it was deemed the most suitable to manage the transition from a post-crisis situation to a more stable context, to allow the reconstruction of collapsed Nations.

Italian government undertook to provide training to such police forces, making available the experience acquired by the Carabinieri Corps during the participation in the international missions.

The most suitable venue to establish a dedicated training center, the CoESPU, has been found in Vicenza. The US Department of State pledged, from its part, to support the initiative financially.

On the basis of the directives given by the G8 Action Plan, a five-year training program (2005-2010) was developed, with the aim to train around 3.500 members of Police Forces coming mostly from African and Asian Countries.





Once the course had ended, this personnel was to go back to their Countries and, in a logic of “train the trainers”, pass down the knowledge acquired by training further 4.000 policemen on site, so as to reach the objective pursued by G8. With more than 3.700 Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers trained over that five years period, CoESPU managed to fully meet the commitment made at international level.

In 2011 a second phase begun, always supported by the US Department of State, in which CoESPU has modified its “original mission” directing it towards a target less numerous but more qualified.

Thus, the Centre not only further promotes the organization of logistically independent forces, prepared for a rapid intervention and able to operate in a still hostile environment, but also enhances the ability of the civilian, military and police components, of the Countries whose forces are available for deployment in Peace Support Operations, to work in synergy in accordance with the UN directives.

CoESPU - NATURE

The choice to entrust to the Carabinieri Corps the sensitive task to train "Peacekeepers", has been undoubtedly supported by its unique nature, being a Police Force of general expertise having at the same time the status of Armed Force, as well as its relevant experience in Peace Support Operations.

The Carabinieri contributed indeed to define the concept of "robust policing", put then into practice in the organization and conduct of MSU units operating for the first time in Bosnia and, later, in Kosovo and Iraq.

Right in the Balkan theater the need arose to deploy units of "robust police" which were able to fill the so-called "security gap". This expression indicates that phase of the conflict in which the international military component, once the phase of "combat" exhausted, have to face situations of public order and widespread social instability that do not need a "heavy" intervention.





On the other hand, such circumstances do not allow yet the intervention of the standard police forces, composed mainly of individual components, moreover with little or no armament at all.

The innovation brought by the Carabinieri was to create a unit that, while maintaining untouched the capacity of investigation and “community policing” which typically falls within the remit of ordinary police forces, was able – if need be - to express the capability of managing disorders, contrasting organized crime and also self-defense, besides a logistic self-sufficiency and the possibility to integrate in both military and civilian chain of command: thus was born the MSU (Multinational Specialized Unit).

From their first deployment in 1998 the MSU were unanimously identified as an essential element in the crisis stabilization process.



In the light of the practical experience of the MSU, the United Nations and, at a later stage, the European Union created new types of Stability Police Units (SPU), respectively the Special Police Units (later called Formed Police Units) and the Integrated Police Units (IPU). The Stability Police Units are units suitable to operate in a context in which military and civilian tasks overlap during the delicate phase of stabilization of a Country emerging from a conflict or a humanitarian crisis.

The ability to adapt to any change in the profile of the mission, as the stabilization process of an area takes shape, makes the SPU the ideal instruments for peacekeeping missions, in which the aims are the long-term stabilization and the reconstruction of a collapsed Country.



CoESPU Training Courses



CoESPU is devoted to conduct a wide range of training courses, at national and international level, in the frame of Stability Policing under the UN, as well as UE, OSCE and other International Organizations guidelines.

The CoESPU trainees are the nucleus of Peacekeeping Stability Police Forces in their respective Countries. CoESPU also serves as a doctrinal hub, promoting common operational procedures and standards development necessary for the activities of police services in PSOs. CoESPU as doctrinal hub promotes inter-operability and comprehensive approach to PSOs. Therefore, as a high educational study Centre, it works as a "think tank" for standardized doctrine and operational procedures to be used by SPUs and by individual police officers. The knowledge and skills that CoESPU attendees achieve make them eligible to be integrated in any police or integrated missions. The Centre provides several opportunities to test and validate concepts with a specific focus on the goals established at the 2004 Sea Island summit.

In this frame, CoESPU interacts with important academic and research institutions worldwide. The Centre also plays an active role in the UN Doctrinal Development Group tasked to draft new FPU policy and training curricula.

The training programs are carried out in English, as well as in French and also in Arabic when necessary, with the contribution of Carabinieri Officers and external lecturers, like senior academics and university representatives.

In accordance with the “Train of Trainers” approach, during the courses the participants are called to cooperate with their own lecturers and acting as facilitators, discussing their personal background experiences and expectations related to the topics proposed.

The CoESPU principal goal is, in fact, to encourage the creation of new mutual knowledge on Stability Policing based on common skills, putting into effect the unity of intent of the Stability Police family all over the world.



Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Courses



GPOI is a U.S. Government-funded security assistance program intended to enhance international capacity to effectively conduct United Nations and regional peace support operations (PSOs) by:

- building partner country capabilities to train and sustain peacekeeping proficiencies;***
- increasing the number of capable military troops and formed police units (FPUs) available for deployment;***
- and facilitating the preparation, logistical support, and deployment of military units and FPUs to PSOs.***

The training courses offered by CoESPU, in accordance with the GPOI program, are:

- GPOI-CPM_01.xx Civilian, Police & Military Relations Course;***
- GPOI-FPUCSS_01.xx Formed Police Units Commander-Senior Staff Course;***
- GPOI-POC_01.xx Protection of Civilians Course;***



- ***GPOI-HRO_01.xx High Risk Operations Course;***
- ***GPOI-TB_01.xx Training Building Course;***
- ***GPOI-GP_01.xx Gender Protection in PSOs;***
- ***GPOI-FPUToT_01.xx Formed Police Units Command Staff Train of Trainer Course.***



GPOI-CPM_01.xx Civilian, Police & Military Relations Course



High level course that, utilizing the UN Standard Training Modules as well as UN DPKO guidelines, provides cross sector training for senior personnel from police, military and civilian components, who might take part in Peace Support Operations (PSO).

COURSE AIM:

This training aims to increase the mutual knowledge, finalize and share co-ordination mechanisms, as well as to enhance the ability of cooperation among the different elements and actors involved in PSO, with particular regard to deployments in non-stabilised areas.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 40 international participants, represented by selected senior police and military officers in the rank of Colonel/Lt Colonel /Major and senior civilian experts.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- Increasing participants knowledge of the different PSO***



components operating in a mission area, along with their working procedures and best practices;

- developing participants ability to identify differing basic IHL and IHRL rules and standards of behaviour and be able to apply these correctly'*
- providing them with tools and methods to properly deal with cultural distinctions and other sorts of diversity in a mission environment;*
- studying integrated operational procedures and doctrinal concepts necessary for peacekeeping staff;*
- analysing the implications of the Security Gap in PSOs, developing mechanisms for integrated responses as well as mutually supportive participation by police, military and civilian components;*
- developing the skills necessary to take part at managerial level in a multifunctional peacekeeping operation;*
- developing a general knowledge of stabilization and reconstruction processes.*

DURATION: 4 weeks.



GPOI-FPUCSS_01.xx Formed Police Units Commander-Senior Staff Course



High level course that, utilizing the UN Standard Training Modules as well as UN DPKO guidelines, provides specialized training for FPU Commanders and FPU Senior Staff from police components, who might take part in Peace Support Operations (PSO).

COURSE AIM:

This training aims to form FPU Commanders and Coordinators as well as their Supporting Staff, providing them with the capability to plan and conduct operations at tactical level, in accordance with UN standards.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 40 international participants, represented by Senior Officers in the rank of Colonel/Lt Colonel /Major or their equivalent.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- developing the skills required to form subordinates on International Human Rights and International***



Humanitarian Law;

- ***enhancing analysis techniques for properly dealing with historical, cultural, ethnic-religious and geographical aspects of those areas which might represent possible future operational theatres;***
- ***familiarizing with those doctrinal references and operational procedures necessary for FPU management;***
- ***enhancing knowledge and skills in regards to public order management, protection of UN personnel and facilities and interim operational support to the host country police service;***
- ***familiarizing with relevant logistic principles and with the special FPUs equipment;***
- ***ensuring that participants fulfil the minimum performance standards for their issued firearms.***

DURATION: 4 weeks.



GPOI-POC_01.xx Protection of Civilians Course



High level course that, utilizing the UN Standard Training Modules as well as UN DPKO guidelines, provides specialized training for military, police and civil personnel, devoted to manage the Protection of Civilian in Peace Support Operations (PSO).

COURSE AIM:

This training aims to enhance professional skills in carrying out integrated operational procedures in order to protect the civil population, as well as investigations, addressed to counter Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in a multidimensional peacekeeping operation, in accordance with UN standards.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 20 international participants;

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- understanding of the DPKO/DFS Operational Concept POC;***



- *understanding of the framework for drafting POC Strategies in UN Peacekeeping Operations;*
- *creating awareness of critical challenges involved in POC, and providing institutional guidance;*
- *increasing understanding of the range of civilian vulnerabilities and how to ensure they are identified and addressed;*
- *presenting methods for properly dealing with cultural differences and other types of diversity in international operation environments as well as in host countries;*
- *enhancing ability in carrying out integrated operational procedures, and investigations, aimed to counter SGBV in a multidimensional peacekeeping operation.*

DURATION: 3 weeks.



GPOI-HRO_01.xx High Risk Operations Course



Tactical course that provides specialized training in the area of High Risk operations.

COURSE AIM:

This training aims to enhance operational skills in intermediate and advanced firearm proficiency and in tactical progression, on open ground and in built-up areas, developing abilities and techniques in close protection, with particular focus on the personnel safety.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 20 international 20 Junior Police Officers/NCOs as Platoon or Team Leaders.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- providing specialised assistance and training to attendees, in the area of high risk operations, in the view of their future employment within multinational PSO, and in accordance with the UN Standard Training Modules;***



- *improving skills in intermediate and advanced firearm proficiency;*
- *enhancing expertise in tactical progression, on open ground and in built-up areas, with due consideration to personnel safety;*
- *developing abilities and techniques in close protection tasks.*

DURATION: 4 weeks.



GPOI-TB_01.xx Training Building Course



High level course that provides knowledge and professional skills in the area of training management, mainly devoted to FPU training leaders.

COURSE AIM:

This course aims to enhance participants' skills and capacities for planning, conducting and evaluating Formed Police Units (FPU) training courses. At the completion of the course, participants are able to design, implement and evaluate an FPU training course, in accordance with the UN standards.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 20 international Training Managers, represented by Trainers Senior Officers in the rank of Colonel/Lt Colonel/Major or their equivalent from international Training Centers.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- ***International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law common standards;***

- *analysis of social, cultural and historical aspects of Theaters of Operations;*
- *UN standards on policing, with special regard to FPU-related fields;*
- *FPU doctrine and operational procedures: crowd control, protection of UN personnel/facilities, interim operational support to host country police services;*
- *FPU logistic and equipment requirements;*
- *use of firearms.*

DURATION: 3 weeks.



GPOI-GP_01.xx Gender Protection in PSOs



Special course that, provides specialized training for Senior Police Officers, devoted to manage gender-related activities and tasks in Peace Support Operations (PSO).

COURSE AIM:

The course aims to enhance professional skills in managing gender-related practical cases, with particular reference to those aspects evidenced by UNSCRs' 1325 (2000) and 2272 (2016), as well as by other relevant Security Council Resolutions.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 20 international Senior Officers in the rank of Colonel, Lt Colonel, Major or their equivalent.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- increasing the knowledge and understanding of gender-related issues and their different effects, consequences and implications in a multidimensional PSO;***

- *developing ability to challenge gender biased and discriminatory behaviours and to apply this knowledge to the day to day work;*
- *being aware of the best practices already acquired by relevant international organizations in the specific matter;*
- *developing the necessary skills to conduct SGBV and THB related investigations in a multidimensional peacekeeping operation, inclusive of victim assistance.*

DURATION: 2 weeks.



GPOI-FPUToT_01.xx Formed Police Units Command Staff Train of Trainer Course



The course is structured to provide FPU components with a unique track of training, stemming from the UN doctrine, including a mentoring session in the police contributing country. The training is reserved to Commanders, Staff, platoon and squad leaders of single FPUs identified by UN DPKO to be deployed to PSOs. After the Training Course at the CoESPU, a Carabinieri Mobile Mentoring Team is deployed to the FPU sending Countries.

COURSE AIM:

This course, utilizing the UN pre-deployment curricula for police as well as the UN FPU Doctrine, aims to train FPU components, providing them with the capability to conduct operations at tactical level, in accordance with UN standards and to prepare their subordinates for duties in a peacekeeping operations.

PARTICIPANTS:

UP to 50 international Police Officer, as part of two different FPUs, identified by UN DPKO to be deployed to PSOs.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- *prepare the entire FPU for duties in a peacekeeping operation, in accordance with UN standards and pre-deployment curricula for police;*
- *enhance FPU members' knowledge of basic Human Rights, particularly in cases of use of force, arrest and detention;*
- *ensure that FPU members fulfil the minimum performance standards for their issued firearms;*
- *develop the FPU members' capacities with regard to public order management;*
- *provide updated information on mission scenarios;*
- *improve the FPU members' knowledge and skills with regard to protection of UN personnel and facilities.*
- *augment the FPU members' capabilities to cooperate and eventually support the host country law enforcement agencies.*

DURATION: 4 weeks.





Specific International Courses:

The training courses offered by CoESPU, in accordance with international programs, are:

- ***INT-AT_01.xx Asymmetric Threat Course;***
- ***INT-IMP_01.xx International Military Police Course;***
- ***INT-SPU_01.xx Stability Police Units Course.***



INT-AT_01.xx Asymmetric Threat Course



Nowadays asymmetric threat is the major risk to peace and stability. International community fights terrorism with a set of tools encompassing military and police assets. New doctrines and tactics are under development in order to stop a phenomenon that is transnational, complex and subtle. The reason of this course is providing a general overview of this XXI century threat.

COURSE AIM:

This specific course aims to provide participants with an overview knowledge of terrorism in all its aspects, along with best strategies and practices in use to combat it.

PARTICIPANTS:

up to 25 Police Officers, preferably already possessing specific competences, serving - or eligible for – in police units dealing with the matter.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- *asymmetric threat aspects and definitions;*
- *legal framework for anti-terrorism operations*
- *historical and social-anthropological analysis of radical and terrorist groups*
- *best practices to counter the threat.*
- *At the end of the course participants are aware of the characteristics of the asymmetric warfare and terrorism, along with the best strategies to fight it.*

DURATION: 2 weeks.



INT-IMP_01.xx International Military Police Course



Military Police (MP) tasks have been in constant development since the end of the Cold War. Modern international and multidimensional operations require not only the deep knowledge of existing doctrine and best practices, but even a new mental approach of operators who are called to interact with different actors, such as civilian police and peacekeepers. For a long time, Military Police has been mainly a national issue, with MPs policing their own forces, at home or abroad. Nowadays, the spectrum of their responsibilities - especially in deployment - is broadening. This evolution seems to bring as a consequence the transformation into a new body, with something in common with civilian police forces or gendarmeries in stability operations. Quoting the US Army Provost Marshall, that evolution could be develop into a new MP concept, “with a small m and a big P”. This process should be known by modern Military Policemen.

COURSE AIM:

This specific course aims to enhance knowledge of international MP, broadening the understanding of function, tasks, main techniques, tactics and procedures, and meanwhile developing planning / command capacities of participants.

PARTICIPANTS:

Up to 25 Military Police Officers and NCOs, preferably already possessing specific competences, eligible for deployment to an operation in command positions at tactical level.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- *knowledge of MP doctrine (NATO, UN and EU);*
- *evolution of MP concept;*
- *overview of MP operations and lessons learned;*
- *presentations of MP best practices.*

DURATION: 2 weeks.



INT-SPU_01.xx Stability Police Units Course



Crisis all around the world require a growing presence of robust and specialized police units able to tackle those typical threats of post-conflict scenarios, like terrorism and organized crime, which can affect the reconstruction process. Major international organizations, like NATO, EU and UN, have set up different types of Stability Police Units (SPUs), namely MSU, IPU and FPU, which nowadays are regular actors in crisis areas. So far, Carabinieri have played a relevant role in training and deploying these units whose doctrine and role are in constant development.

COURSE AIM:

This specific course aims to provide participants with an overview knowledge of doctrine and operations of exiting SPUs deployed in multinational operations under the NATO, EU or UN umbrellas.

PARTICIPANTS:

Up to 25 Police Officers and NCOs, preferably already possessing specific competences, eligible for deployment in a Stability Police Unit.

COURSE SUBJECTS:

- *Stability Operations doctrine (NATO, EU and UN);*
- *Multinational Specialised Unit (MSU);*
- *Integrated Police Unit (IPU);*
- *Formed Police Unit (FPU).*

DURATION: 2 weeks.



Other aperiodic courses:



- *CEPOL Courses for Senior Police Officers on planning and command in crisis management operations;*
- *CEPOL Courses on Security Sector Reform;*
- *Qualification courses for personnel to be deployed within Police Specialized Units (MSU/IPU/FPU) in International crises response operations;*
- *Training modules for Universities and Masters of Art;*
- *Courses developed “ad hoc” and conducted on bilateral basis, established with foreign Countries.*







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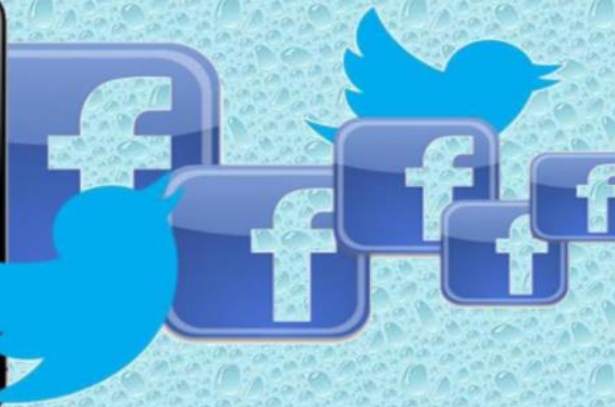
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