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## 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES

### 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 2024 from 8 to 12 April 2024 and from 9 to 13 September 2024.

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 fifteen motorcyclists from Rhineland-Palatinate each, from 4 to 8 November 2024 and from 11 to 15 November 2024, with no instructor from the police university taking part.

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. It is therefore planned to participate again in 2025.

#### 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". In 2024, this exchange could not take place due to the war in the Middle East.

If the security situation allows, a new exchange will take place in 2025. The visit of the Rhineland-Palatinate delegation to Israel is planned for 4 to 11 May 2025. The visit by the young Israelis is scheduled for the week of 13 to 20 July 2025.

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### 1.1.3 SWITZERLAND

The police university has been cooperating with the Zurich City Police since 2022, particularly in the area of further developing VR-based training.

From 8 to 12 January 2024, the XR Competence Centre of the Zurich City Police conducted a test week on the topic of 'Virtual Tactical Training' at the military base in Thun (Switzerland). This was preceded by a tender for the planned nationwide procurement for the Swiss police. Due to the close cooperation with the Zurich city police, the police university was invited to take part in this field test.

The police university sent Eva Lang (head of the working group "tactical training") and Christian Steitz (head of the working group "shooting") from the further education department as well as Martin Gruner from the IT department and Marko Gastes (head of further education area "tactical training").

They observed the field tests during a business trip from 10 to 12 January 2024. There was a lively exchange of experiences with many participants and test subjects. On 12 January 2024, the delegation had the opportunity to test the systems themselves. The detailed report, with all the results, has already been submitted to the Ministry of the Interior.

Professional discourse and the exchange of information with the Swiss authorities take place in irregular online meetings.

On 20 August 2024, the head of the police university, Uwe Lederer, and the head of the IT department, Stephan Bytzek, visited the Zurich Cantonal Police together. In the new Zurich police building, they were able to experience the possibilities of the police simulation centre in an impressive way. Different specialist skills were brought together in the simulation centre and the participants were offered the opportunity to work in a team of around 8-10 people. Afterwards, the already prepared cooperation agreement was exchanged and handed over on both sides.

On 19 August 2024, the head of police university, Uwe Lederer, also visited Intercantonal Police School in Hitzkirch for a lunch-to-lunch meeting. The focus was on the first time meeting of the two directors and continuing the joint collaboration.

## 1.2 CROSS-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### 1.2.1 INTERNATIONAL POLICING WEEK / INTERNSHIP ABROAD

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

On the occasion of the international policing week from 8 to 12 January 2024, the police university welcomed 23 guests from a total of six European countries. Police students and teachers from Belgium, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Romania travelled to campus Hahn for the international policing 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).

At the same time, 33 students had the opportunity to travel to Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, 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 policing week from 13 to 17 May 2024, the police university welcomed 32 guests from a total of nine European countries. Police students and teachers from Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Romania, Spain and Switzerland travelled to campus Hahn for the international policing week.

At the same time, 34 students from the police university had the opportunity to spend their internship abroad in Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Romania, Switzerland 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.

This year, Klaus Dupont and Jörg Tinneberg (both driving and safety instructors at the police university) took part in a two-day motorbike training course at the Salzburgring from 9 to 11 September 2024 with colleagues from Austria.

## 2 VISITS ABROAD/RETURN VISITS

### 2.1 ESTONIA

From 25 to 28 March 2024, the head of the simulation centre of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences in Tallinn and two of his employees visited the simulation centre of the police university. In addition to police officers, the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences also trains border guards, prison officers, customs officers and managers from the emergency services.

Following the welcome by the university management and a campus tour, the guests were given an insight into the e-learning offerings of the police university before the professional exchange began in the simulation centre.

There are plans to continue the exchange during a return visit to Estonia.

### 2.2 UNITED KINGDOM

On 1 February 2024, a delegation from Devon and Somerset Police visited the police university to view the simulation centre and exchange experiences. All guests were impressed by the possibilities and examples of implementation that prevail at the police university. Our police colleagues in the UK also use the XVR programme, but only in the management area. The fact that a realistic training environment is also possible for emergency services was new to the guests from the UK and they were impressed by the examples and possibilities.

### 2.3 LUXEMBOURG

The cooperation with the Luxembourgish neighbours already looks back on a long tradition. Year after year, it is increasingly characterised by a trusting and friendly exchange.

From 12 to 14 August 2024, 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 2025.

On 5 September 2024, Anke Müller (study area "Social Sciences"), Aline Pflüger and Nadine Bauer (both from the international office) took part in a team-building activity at the reservoir in Lultzhausen, Luxembourg, at the invitation of the partner school. The event is the second in a four-part series that the Luxembourg cadets complete during their one-year theoretical training (followed by a practical phase lasting several months) at the police school. The learning objectives of the team building sessions include improved cooperation and coordination within the team as well as an initial approach to management tasks. The team building sessions also serve to practise the guidelines for diversity of the Luxembourg Police (including mutual respect and anti-discriminatory behaviour).

The visit to Luxembourg offered the opportunity to network better with colleagues in Luxembourg, to make new contacts and to get to know the team-building measures in place. Further exchange measures are already being planned for 2025.

On 26 September 2024, students from the 27th 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 annual joint afternoon programme took place this year at the police school in Luxembourg. 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 25 September 2025. The afternoon programme that traditionally follows will take place in Rhineland-Palatinate in 2025.

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 sent two participants for the first time to the police university's qualification course to become tactical instructors. The course took place from 1 February to 30 April 2025. Both participants passed the exam. There are also plans to make places available to our Luxembourg colleagues again in 2025.

**3 PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

There have been no such activities in 2024.

**4 PARTICIPATION IN TOWN-TWINNING PROJECTS**

There have been no such activities in 2024.

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

There have been no such activities in 2024.

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

There have been no such activities in 2024.

## **7 OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS**

There have been no such activities in 2024.

## **8 CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS INTERPOL ETC.**

There have been no such activities in 2024.



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