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**EUROPEAN POLICE RESEARCH AND
SCIENCE CONFERENCE**

“Preparing Law Enforcement for the Digital Age”

**PARTICIPANTS
INVITATION LETTER**

67/2021

1 – 3 December 2021

Mykolas Romeris University
Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear Colleagues,

CEPOL – The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training and Mykolas Romeris University are jointly organising the next European Police Research and Science Conference in early December 2021.

The conference will take place from Wednesday 1 December, starting at 09:30hrs and ending on Friday 3 December after lunch at 13:30, at the premises of the Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania. The date of arrival for participants is Tuesday 30 November.

The **target groups for participating in** this event are:

- Heads, senior staff, educators and trainers of law enforcement training institutions;
- Law enforcement officers in leading positions;
- Law enforcement officials in charge of organisational development;
- Academic scholars and researchers;
- CEPOL Research and Science Correspondents (see GB 28/2008)

The overall **aim** is to provide the opportunity for exchanging information among professionals about innovations in the law enforcement area, research findings case studies and challenges for innovation processes, innovative educational ideas and concepts as well as for engaging in a professional and informed discussion around general issues in the area of police science, research and education in particular in Europe.

Registration process

The registration procedure is separate for delegated participants from CEPOL Member States and for participants from Associated and Candidate Countries, JHA agencies and other organisations and countries:

1. CEPOL Member States

We are pleased to offer an initially granted contingent of **four (4) seats for each Member State. Hotel accommodation has been reserved and** expenses will be covered in accordance with the stipulations in MB decision 14/2017/MB.

Contact Points can apply for even more participants, as there will be a re-distribution of unclaimed positions after the notification deadline.

Please do not make your own booking as we are not in a position to reimburse you!

2. Associated and Candidate countries, and also other countries/organisations

Participants **from countries and organisations** with whom CEPOL has a cooperation/working agreement may attend at their own cost. Here registration needs to be done **via the link on the CEPOL website**: <https://www.cepola.europa.eu/science-research/conferences>) Registration will open from **1 October 2021**.

For the flight bookings **Candidate Countries** are requested to also send a **Registration/Travel request** to conference2021@cepola.europa.eu as flight costs for Candidate Country delegates will be covered by CEPOL.

Costs for participation **at own expense** (self-payers) are estimated at: Hotel accommodation incl. breakfast (€60-80) per day); the cost of lunches and coffee breaks will be covered by CEPOL; dinners between €20-30, taxi costs from and to the airport approx. €20 in total (*public transport from airport to city centre with bus 3G is 0,6 EUR 30 minutes' drive, 0,8 EUR 60 minutes' drive, it takes approximately 25 minutes to go from the airport to the city centre*).

Suggested hotels **to book for self-payers** (please look for availability):

✚ **Marriott Courtyard Vilnius City Center**

- B&B price is around €60-80 per night
- Web: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vnocy-courtyard-vilnius-city-center/>

✚ **Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Vilnius**

- B&B price is around €60-80 per night
- Web: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-vilnius-lietuva>

Information on logistics

Arrival day	30 November 2021		
First day	1 December 2021	Start time	09:30
Last day	3 December 2021	End time	14:00
Venue address	Mykolas Romeris University Ateities st. 20, LT-08303 Vilnius		
Phone of the venue	Prof. dr. Aurelija Pūraitė +370 685 20134 (in case of emergency)		
Arrival Airport	Vilnius Airport https://www.vilnius-airport.lt/		
Description of public transport from the airport to city centre, and from city centre to the conference venue	<p>From the airport to the city centre/accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus 3G until the Zalasis tiltas bus stop (just after the bus pass the Neris River), ticket price: 0,6 EUR 30 minutes' drive https://www.vilnius-airport.lt/en/before-the-flight/transport/by-public-transport <p>From the city centre/accommodation to the conference venue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus 10 from Karaliaus Mindaugo tiltas (King's Mindaugas bridge) bus stop (8 minutes walking distance from Marriot) and take it until the Mykolas Romeris University bus stop (around 25mins), from there the university is walking distance (2 mins) 		
Accommodation address and webpage	Hotel: Marriott Courtyard Vilnius City Center Address: Rinktinės st. 3, Vilnius, 09234 Lithuania https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vnocy-courtyard-vilnius-city-center/		

Please note that neither CEPOL nor the Mykolas Romeris University takes any liability in case of any incident for which insurance is required. Moreover, the flight booking does not include any travel insurance. At the same time, the organisers will take the utmost care to ensure safety for participants and experts/trainers during the activities, and to this end a summary of safety measures are attached.

COVID-19 Safety information:

In the light of the pandemic situation, please note that while CEPOL and the Mykolas Romeris University will make all necessary efforts to follow the national and international (ECDC) guidelines to ensure a safe environment for the training activity, all participants are strongly recommended to ensure that they have personal insurance for any costs related to falling ill during the conference, including coverage for hospitalisation and repatriation. Neither CEPOL nor the Mykolas Romeris University can accept any liability towards such costs.

In order to ensure a valid nomination and a smooth travel to the hosting country, please check the relevant national legislation and entry requirements/guidelines:

<https://www.lithuania.travel/en/news/covid-19-in-lithuania-information-for-tourists#chart>

Please also note that according to the current regulation in Lithuania to enter the premises of the university (and also most restaurants, hotels etc.) **the participants will need to have an EU COVID pass**. For more information please visit:

<https://www.covidpasscertificate.com/europe-digital-green-pass/>

Rights and obligations of the Participants may be found in the attached Participant User Guide.

Please find attached the following documents:

- Activity Curriculum (**T05**)
- Programme Scheme (**T06**) – draft programme will be provided later
- Participant Nomination List (**T16**) - to be sent even in case of negative response.
- Registration & Travel Request (**T19**) (*for those who will be covered by CEPOL*)
- Participant User Guide (**T88**)

For the developing draft programme and any further information please use the link on CEPOL's website: <https://www.cepola.europa.eu/science-research/conferences>

You are kindly requested to *return the **completed Nomination list (T16)*** to conference2021@cepola.europa.eu - also use this email address for any further enquiries you may have.

Please be informed, that the *strict **deadline*** for completed response is **08 October 2021**.

Kind regards,

The Conference Organising Team