



## The European Confederation of Police

### About us

#### What is EuroCOP?

EuroCOP is the leading representative voice for the police across Europe. We are an active organisation, reflecting current operational attitudes of the police along with the practical application of current rules.

EuroCOP can assist policymakers in their understanding of the challenges facing the police service.

Established in 2002, we are an independent, not-for-profit and secular organisation.

#### What is our mission?

We work with policymakers to ensure police officers have the rights, resources and training necessary to keep Europe's citizens safe and secure.

#### What are our goals?

Our work falls under four main priorities:

- Establishing a European culture for law enforcement
- Improving social protections for police officers
- Ensuring high health and safety standards
- Increasing resources and training for police officers

#### Our partners:

We cooperate with all institutions of the EU and are actively involved with a number of European-level bodies. In particular:



EuroCOP is one of the ten European trade union federations recognised by the **European Trade Union Confederation**.



Since 2004 EuroCOP has held participatory status as an independent non-governmental organisation at the **Council of Europe**.



EuroCOP is a partner of the European **Economic and Social Committee** Worker's Group.

## Our priorities:

### Establishing a European culture for law enforcement

Crime does not stop at national borders. It is therefore essential to act at a European level so that European citizens can expect the same high standard of policing wherever they find themselves in Europe. Our asks to policy-makers include:

- Common **EU-level training programme** for European police forces
- **EU-wide exchange programme** for police officers of all ranks
- **Language programmes** available to all officers

### Improving social protections for police officers

European countries should protect the social rights of the police officers fighting to keep social order. This includes the right to take industrial action, fair wages and pension rights, and the right to freedom of expression. We strongly support:

- The **protection of social rights** for police officers.
- **Police officers' right to take industrial action** as well as their rights to **freely express themselves**.



### Ensuring high health and safety standards

Police officers are exposed to health and safety risks on a daily basis. We need appropriate working conditions are to protect police officers and allow them to perform their duties. We call on policy-makers to strengthen rules to protect police officers' rights with regards to:

- **Working hours**
- **Workplace conditions**
- **Safety requirements** including workplace hazards and health risks associated with the profession



### Increasing resources and training for police officers

When others run away from danger, police officers run towards it. In a world where the security threats facing European countries are ever changing, police officers must have sufficient training, resources, and equipment to perform their duties effectively. We urge European lawmakers to:

- **Boost national and EU budgets** for law enforcement.
- Ensure the provision of adequate **training** so that police forces have the necessary skills to deal with novel circumstances such as terrorism.



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