

EUROCOP Executive Committee Meeting Summary – Preparations for Cyprus 2026

Overview

This summary outlines the key discussions and decisions from the recent EUROCOP Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting, focusing on organizational updates, financial matters, cooperation with other police unions, and arrangements for the upcoming Spring Committee Meeting in Cyprus (April 2026).

Key Points

• Attendance & Minutes

- Jon stood in for Georgias; Henry joined shortly after.
- Previous meeting minutes (Dec 10) were reviewed and approved.

• Action Items & Reports

- Positive meeting held with the European Police Union (EPU), with Polish participation.
- PTSD subgroup's first meeting completed; minutes taken and acknowledged.
- Financial transfers (GoFundMe) and IT equipment purchases finalized.
- Monitoring of membership numbers and GoFundMe actions completed.

• Cooperation & Relations

- Strengthening cooperation between EUROCOP, CESP, and EPU, with plans for further meetings in Brussels (March).
- Discussion of past challenges and leadership changes within partner unions.
- Emphasis on addressing both mutual European and local/national issues.
- Noted differences in focus: EUROCOP's broader European perspective vs. EPU's national focus.
- Ongoing efforts to maintain unity and collaboration, despite past conflicts.

• Cyprus Situation

- Concerns about safety and political tensions in Cyprus, especially regarding social dialogue with police unions.
- Joint advocacy efforts with ETUC to address lack of engagement from Cypriot authorities.

- Upcoming Spring Committee Meeting in Cyprus will include discussions on these issues.

• **Membership & Financial Update**

- 2026 membership: 206,399 (including 53,000 from Ukraine; Ukraine exempt from fees during war).
- Total income: €264,914.45 (down €12,513 from 2025), mainly due to Denmark and Slovakia's departure.
- Axon sponsorship partially offset losses.
- Most members paid dues; Greece and Romania on payment plans.
- Investment portfolio performing well, with notable gains.

• **Audit & Governance**

- New independent audit firm appointed; internal and external audits scheduled.
- Due diligence concerns raised about audit firm directors; further checks to be conducted.
- Discussion about high operating costs for the Luxembourg office; review of expenses (cleaning, utilities, telecom).
- Consideration of relocating EUROCOP's domicile to Brussels for efficiency, though legal and staffing challenges persist.

• **Event Arrangements**

- Cyprus Spring Committee Meeting set for April 21–23, 2026, at the San Rafael Hotel.
- Axon CEO and staff to attend, with planned demonstrations and joint events.
- Speakers on police mental health and suicide prevention scheduled.
- Registration ongoing; members encouraged to confirm attendance.
- Policy under consideration to address financial losses from “no shows” at meetings.

• **Statutes & Membership Rules**

- Discussion on clarifying full/associate membership definitions and updating statutes to facilitate new members (including non-European applicants).
- Action taken to review and propose changes to relevant articles for clarity and legal compliance.

• **General Reflections**

- Acknowledgement of financial pressures and need for prudent spending.
- Recognition of the importance of growing membership for influence and financial stability.
- Expression of appreciation for the dedication and collaboration of EXCOM members.

Conclusion

The EUROCOPEXCOM meeting addressed critical organizational, financial, and strategic topics in preparation for the 2026 Spring Committee Meeting in Cyprus. Key actions include enhancing cooperation with European police unions, addressing internal governance and financial management, and ensuring robust arrangements for upcoming events. The committee remains focused on unity, transparency, and effective representation of police unions across Europe.