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A message from the Head of Mission

2016 witnessed many EUPOL COPPS achievements, on behalf of all our Palestinian counterparts both in the Security and Criminal Justice sectors. This is something that we take pride of. We will maintain the very same level of support in 2017 in order to further enhance the capabilities of our counterparts, Ministry of Interior, Palestinian Civil Police, Ministry of Justice, High Judicial Council, Attorney General Office, Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission and Bar Association. Example of our unabated help, is the latest study trip to Italy, where enhanced cooperation between the police and the prosecution was closely studied. The main objective of that study trip was to present methods and systems of cooperation between the Italian Prosecution and the Police in the fight against corruption.

Italy: an example of Police-Prosecution cooperation against corruption

EUPOL COPPS facilitated a study trip to Italy as part of its support to the Palestinian criminal justice institutions. The main objective of the study visit was to present methods and systems of cooperation between the Italian Prosecution and the Police in the fight against corruption. EUPOL COPPS is supporting a Working Group on cooperation between the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission and the Palestinian Civil Police aimed at drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance the cooperation between the two institutions in the investigations into corruption crimes. During the visit, prosecutors from the Prosecution Office of Milan - specialized in corruption crimes - gave presentations on the most advanced techniques and methods of investigation and on specific cases of corruption emphasizing the crucial importance of an effective and continuous cooperation between Prosecutors and Police.



EUPOL COPPS coordinates a training for Palestinian Police in Jordan



EUPOL COPPS Mission concluded a specialized training course on Major Incident Management for Palestinian Civil Police (PCP). During the training that took place in Jordan, 12 Palestinian police officers from all West Bank districts and central Operations room received presentations on various topics such as relationship between media and major incidents, Communication Crisis management and Communication with the public. A training on Operational Planning was also part of the various courses which used a wide range of scenarios. The overall objective of the training is to provide the PCP with a further professional management of major incidents. This training provided an opportunity for the PCP participants to network face to face with their Jordanian counterparts. It is expected that this advance training will lead to a continuation of PCP's capacity building in the area of First Responders and operational planning.

EUPOL COPPS and PACC conclude workshop on Investigative Journalism



EUPOL COPPS and the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission concluded a four-day workshop on Investigative Journalism for 18 Palestinian journalists and one university journalism teacher. Three trainers from Arab Reporters For Investigative Journalism (ARIJ), a leading institute on the topic, delivered lectures to the attendees on various issues such as the difference between investigative journalism and traditional reporting, how to develop investigative hypothesis, writing techniques as well as on how to protect files, emails and sources in the digital era. Ethical concerns and interviewing techniques were also discussed during the workshop. The lecturers explained to the attendees how this kind of journalism was of paramount importance when it comes to disclosing corruption cases, a matter in which the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission plays an important role.

Together with its Palestinian partners, EUPOL COPPS works since 2006 with the aim to improve the quality of the police and justice services in full compliance with and realization of gender equality and human rights. ”

EUPOL COPPS increases its efforts for mainstreaming Gender and Human Rights

The Deputy Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS met with the Heads of the family protection and gender units of the Palestinian Civil Police and of the Ministry of Interior to discuss achievements made up to date and remaining challenges in the work for gender equality and against gender based violence in Palestine and how EUPOL COPPS can support the work ahead. The meeting was held in connection to the annual 16 Days of Activism Campaign on Gender Based Violence which begins on November 25 and ends with the International Human Rights Day on 10th December. At the end of this important meeting the deputy Head of EUPOL COPPS mission reiterated that “the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls is a priority of the EU.



