



# 2021 PORTUGAL.EU

**International High-Level Conference**  
**EU - MENA: *Identifying Common***  
***Challenges and needs to enhance***  
***Police Cooperation***

**Venue: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 | Lisbon, Centro**  
**Cultural de Belém - Videoconference**

**Languages - EN - FR - AR | 09:00-17:30**  
**(Lisbon time)**

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***Identifying common challenges and needs to enhance Police Cooperation***

***Programme***

***09:00 – 09:20 Welcoming words***

Eduardo Cabrita, Minister for Home Affairs  
Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs

***09:20 - 09:40 Opening Session***

Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General, DG Near  
Mohammed Bin Ali Koman, Secretary-General of Arab Interior Ministers Council

***09:40 - 10:10 Key note speakers***

Luís Tomé, Professor, Autónoma University of Lisbon  
Detlef Schröder, Executive Director, CEPOL

***10:10 - 10:50 Momentum I – Regional threats versus Common needs***

***Moderator*** - Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director-General, DG Home

***Facing challenging regional threats***

**Speaker 1** (15') - Criminal Investigation Coordinator João-Paulo Ventura, National Counter-Terrorism Unit, Judiciary Police - PJ (Portugal)

***Identifying and prioritizing the common needs***

**Speaker 1** (15') - Colonel Christophe Perret, Subdirector for International Action in the Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of Interior (France)

***10:50 - 11:00 Short break***

***11:00 - 12:30 Workshop session***

***Topic 1: Crime trends***

**Speaker 1** (5') - Lieutenant-Colonel Pedro Graça, Head of Division for Counter-intelligence and Security, Intelligence Department, National Republican Guard - GNR (Portugal)

**Speaker 2** (5') - Colonel Jamal Kashmar (Lebanon)

**Speaker 3** (5') - Commissioner Raúl de la Fuente Chiscano, International Cooperation Division, State Secretary of Security, Ministry of Interior (Spain)

***Topic 2: New dynamics***

**Speaker 1** (5') - Laura Yli-Vakkuri, Director General, International Affairs, Ministry of Interior (Finland)

***Brainstorming/discussion***

***12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break***

**13:30-14:20 Momentum II – Strengthening operational police cooperation**

**Moderator:** Sabine Zwaenepoel, Team leader on Security, Conflict Prevention and Crisis Response, DG Near

***Decreasing vulnerabilities within the international police cooperation***

**Speaker 1** (10') - Patrícia Silveira, Head of Unit Strategy and External Relations, EUROPOL

**Speaker 2** (10') - Goetz Brinkmann, Director of International and European Division, FRONTEX

**Speaker 3** (10') - Abdulaziz Obaidalla, Head of MENA Coordination Desk, INTERPOL

***How to build an effective operational partnership: An operational approach based on policing evidence***

**Speaker 1** (10') - Chahir Gdayem, Director of Technical and Scientific Police, Ministry of Interior (Tunisia)

**Speaker 2** (10') - Alexandru Niculita, Head of International Cooperation Unit, CEPOL

**14:20 - 14:30 Short break**

**14:30 - 16:00 Workshop session**

**Topic 3: Capacity building**

**Speaker 1** (5') - Coordinator Inspector Ema Pacheco, Deputy Director of Central Directorate of Investigations, Immigration and Borders Service - SEF (Portugal)

**Speaker 2** (5') - Chief Superintendent Soualhi Chaabane, Head of the International Cooperation Department, General Directorate of National Security - DGSN (Algeria)

**Speaker 3** (5') - Eufemia Esposito, Head of the International Relation Service Office for Coordination and Planning of Police Forces, Department of Public Security, Ministry of Interior (Italy)

**Topic 4: Choosing mechanisms and instruments for an effective cooperation**

**Speaker 1** (5') - Superintendent Pedro Moura, Director of Firearms and Explosives Department, Public Security Police - PSP (Portugal)

**Speaker 2** (5') - Christian Klos, Director General for Public Security, Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community (Germany)

**Speaker 3** (5') - General Walid Kashha, Undersecretary General for Operations and Training of the Public Security Directorate (Jordan)

**Brainstorming/discussion**

**16:00 - 16:10 Short break**

**16:10 - 16:30 - Wrap-up**

Ricardo Carrilho, Deputy Secretary-General In charge of International Relations and Management of EU funds, Ministry of Home Affairs - SGMAI (Portugal)

**16:30 - 17:10 - Final Remarks**

Tomaž Peršolja, Criminal Police Superintendent, Incoming Slovenia Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Slovenia)

Catherine De Bolle, Executive Director, EUROPOL

Fabrice Leggeri, Executive Director, FRONTEX

Jürgen Stock, Secretary General, INTERPOL

**Closing Session**

Antero Luís, Deputy Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Home Affairs (Portugal)



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