



EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian counterparts celebrate EU Day

EUPOL COPPS together with representatives from the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) and the High Judicial Council (HJC) sent a team to Brussels to take part in the EU Open Doors day which gathered around 6,000 visitors. It was a chance for the public to learn more about EUPOL COPPS and its Palestinian counterparts. The President of European Council, Herman Van ROMPUY, personally visited the stand. EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian police officers also participated in the EU Fair Day in Ramallah organized by the Office of the EU Representative.



Head of EUPOL COPPS performs "press conference" in Brussels:

Kenneth DEANE, Head of EUPOL COPPS, together with an officer from the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP), Major Loay IRZIQAT and a Judge from the Palestinian High Judicial Council, Ms. Eman JAMOOS, gave a joint press conference in Brussels. This meeting with International Media was an occasion to show the important progress accomplished by the PCP and criminal Justice institutions with the continuous support of the Mission. Press conference video can be seen through the following link: [Video Press Conference](#)



Palestinian Judges and prosecutors conclude a Study Trip to Brussels

Prosecutors from the Palestinian Anti Corruption Commission (PACC) and judges from Corruption Crime Court (CCC) concluded a study trip to Europe where they received training on best practices on combating fraud. The attendees met representatives from the European Anti Fraud Office (OLAF) in Brussels and The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust) in The Hague who briefed them on the best methods to combat fraud, corruption and engage in international legal cooperation. This study trip was supported by EUPOL COPPS as part of a EUPOL COPPS/UNDP joint programme.



Palestinian Bar Association set up future cooperation in Italy

The Palestinian Bar Association (PBA) signed a letter of Intent with the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) of Siracusa, Italy, to establish future cooperation on training projects in several topics of criminal justice. This project was facilitated by EUPOL COPPS. The future cooperation between the ISISC and the PBA shall relate to training on several areas including: capacity building, human rights standards and criminal justice matters; defence rights in complex cases also with respect to economic and corruption crimes; and access to justice and legal assistance best practices.



High level Palestinian delegation concludes visit to Germany

The Palestinian Minister of Justice, Mr. Ali Muhana, and the Legal Counsel to the President, Mr. Hasan Al-Ouri, concluded a visit to the Max Planck Institute (MPI) in Freiburg, Germany. EUPOL COPPS organized and funded the visit. The attendees were given various presentations on MPI expertise in the field of criminal justice legislation and related comparative studies. Several topics related to criminal policy matters and challenges in the Palestinian legislative drafting process were also discussed. Palestinian and MPI representatives agreed on establishing far reaching cooperation in the field of criminal justice reform.



Police concludes a course on community policing

12 Palestinian Civil Police officers from the West Bank completed a five-day "train the trainer" course in Jericho supported by EUPOL COPPS, on the basic concepts of Community Policing. This intensive course tackled the main concepts of a modern policing model and aimed to improve the quality of life for Palestinians, but also to enhance the self sustainability and ownership of the police to develop its own community policing strategy.