



(HoM Kauko Aaltomaa)

## *A message from the Acting Head of Mission*

I am glad to announce the official appointment of our new Head of Mission who will assume his responsibilities in October. Mr. Kauko Aaltomaa, a high-ranking official in the Finnish Ministry of Interior, has a wide experience that will mirror well on our interaction with senior counterparts and implementation of the Mission's mandate. We all welcome Kauko to the mission and wish him all the best and success.

On the ground, the Mission has witnessed a busy month as it conducted and organized several activities with the Palestinian and international counterparts, at home and abroad. The feedback of those activities was extremely positive and here I would like to highlight the first international conference on Community Policing, organized by EUPOL COPPS.

## EUPOL COPPS coordinates the first International Community Policing Conference

EUPOL COPPS facilitated the first International Community Policing Conference in Ramallah, which focused on education to the Palestinian citizens on the implementation of the Palestinian-led Community Policing concept. Over 120 people were invited to the two-day event, including representatives from civil society, over 50 high-ranking Palestinian Civil Police officers, EUPOL COPPS advisers and other international co-ordinating partners. The

main goals of the conference, are: mobilizing the community to actively engage in the partnership process to help solve community problems and to support on-going development and sustainability of community policing concept and lessons learned from the International community. In his closing speech, Acting Head of EUPOL COPPS Mission Bo Holtse praised the outcome of the conference and the fruitful discussion

it had triggered among the attendees. "I have no doubt that the outcome from yesterday's deliberations will be a valued input into future community policing implementation planning," Mr. Holtse told the audience.



## EUPOL COPPS facilitates study visit to Germany



Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) and Palestinian Civil Police concluded a study visit to Germany on police-prosecution

cooperation, with a particular focus on corruption crimes. During the visit to Cologne, the Palestinian delegation - Anti-Corruption Prosecutors headed by the Deputy Attorney General Mr. Akram Al-Katib, and PCP investigators headed by the Head of the PCP Criminal Investigation Department

Col. Marouf Albarbari - met representatives of the Cologne Prosecution Office and Cologne Police, specialized in corruption crimes. The five-day visit, which was funded by EUPOL COPPS, comes in the context of the Mission's efforts to continue its support to the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission and strengthening the cooperation between the Commission and the PCP in the fight against corruption.

## EUPOL COPPS organises a study visit to Slovenia and Croatia



EUPOL COPPS organized a study visit to Slovenia and Croatia for four senior Palestinian Civil Police officers to enhance internal coordination mechanisms between various sections of the police and to further support the decision making processes in the view of

external and internal oversight processes. During the six-day study visit, the attendees were briefed with a number of topics such as the organization of the Ministries of Interior and Police in Slovenia and Croatia, with emphasis on various mechanisms of external and internal accountability systems, inspection and oversight measures in place, to en-

sure highest accountability standards among police employees. The gender mainstreaming segment on these areas was emphasized during the presentations as well. The study trip is part of the Mission's continued support to the PCP to further enhance their capabilities on accountability.

## EUPOL COPPS delivers booklets and brochures to Palestinian Police

EUPOL COPPS Police Advisers provided over 10,000 copies of Community Policing booklets and 8,000 copies of brochures in Arabic to the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP). These booklets will support and introduce messages on Community Policing. The pamphlets will be used as a communications tool for training the

PCP officers, furthermore to promote the Community Policing concept for the PCP and the citizens of Palestine. EUPOL COPPS Police Advisory Section strongly supports the development of community policing concept within the PCP. EUPOL COPPS has been instrumental in the development of this

concept for the past two years. The Chief of Police endorsed the concept in March 2017.



Community Policing is a coordinated partnership approach between the police and the communities in the towns and villages they serve to protect.



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