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Dear Catherine,

Subject: CEPOL collaboration with EUROPOL within the framework of CEPOL WB-FI Project

Dear Ms Catherine De Bolle,

On behalf of the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), I would like to convey my sincerest regards to you and your colleagues at EUROPOL.

I am pleased to inform you that CEPOL on 21 December 2017, launched a 2 years long capacity building project within framework of the Integral Internal Security Governance for Western Balkans (IISG) concept (Counter-Serious Crime initiative, Pillar 2) with the title of Western Balkans Financial Investigation In-Service Training Programme 2017-2019. The project is financed by the EU Instrument for Pre- Accession Assistance (IPA-2) fund and will be finished till 21 December 2019. In accordance with the multidisciplinary approach of the EU Policy Cycle, the main beneficiaries of the project will be Law Enforcement and judicial officials e.g. police, customs, border police, prosecutors, tax investigators, Financial Intelligence Units, carrying out financial investigations in the Western Balkans region. The project is aiming to develop the capacities and effectiveness of the financial investigations, moreover create a sustainable network across the region and with the EU Member States, being able to contribute to the carrying out of actions under the EU Policy Cycle against serious and organized crime.

The project is aiming to organize residential training activities and joint workshops with European Union Law enforcement and judicial officials, as well as exchange programme for the beneficial Western Balkans countries in the second half of 2018 and during 2019.

Please find attached the Work Programme of the project for your perusal.

I believe Europol is a key organization in this area, and I would be delighted if we could work hand in hand to make this project a successful example of interagency cooperation. Towards this end, I kindly ask for your support throughout the implementation phase. In particular, Europol's support could be realized through the provision of experts for training sessions.

Furthermore, I would like to ask you to nominate a Europol representative as a focal point for the project implementation.

[REDACTED] is at your colleagues' disposal to provide more details about the state-of-play of the implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and am looking forward to work closely together in the future in order to help improve law enforcement cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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CEPOL Executive Director

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