

EURO COP 2025 CHARTER:

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN POLICING

EuroCOP's 2025 vision for the future of European policing calls for action by the European Union, national governments, police forces, their unions and other organisations across Europe to act together to tackle the challenges faced by police forces today. We believe that by taking action now, European police forces can ensure that they have the resources, skills and capacity to keep European citizens safe and secure for the long term future.

By signing this Charter, I pledge to work towards achieving the following goals in the coming years to help ensure European Policing can deliver the service Europe needs through 2025:

1. GREATER POLITICAL SUPPORT

By 2025, law enforcement and politicians act in an environment of greater mutual respect and understanding. While maintaining independence, police forces and policymakers have strengthened channels of communication, particularly where policies affect law enforcement, and developed long term strategic planning together around national policies facilitating police work.

2. SMARTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

By 2025, police forces across Europe have established the skills and platforms to effectively and efficiently tackle increasingly transnational and virtual criminal activities. By establishing European best practices for combatting cross-border crime, disseminating them through common European training schemes, and promoting and evaluating processes for information-sharing with EU and international counterparts, Europe has the potential to set the bar for effective police cooperation.

3. GUARDIANS OF DEMOCRACY

By 2025, Europe's police forces are seen as guardians of Europe's democracy, by embodying the ethics, diversity, integrity and community of the citizens they protect, while maintaining European security and protecting citizens' democratic rights in societies governed by the rule of law. As such EU citizens are able to trust European law enforcement to safeguard their fundamental rights in a publically accountable and independent manner.

4. OPERATING ON A CODE OF POLICING BEST PRACTICES

By 2025, European governments have enabled and incentivised their law enforcement communities to deliver their services according to a European code of best practices in policing, which in turn has strengthened trust and solidarity between forces. Best practices have been set in the areas of training, health and safety, staffing levels, police and quality of service amongst others.

5. ENHANCED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

By 2025, public confidence in European law enforcement engenders a strong sense of mutual respect, allowing police forces to become integrated with communities as trusted members of society. Without public confidence, the police will struggle to tackle threats to public safety and security, undermine the fundamental basis of our democracy.

6. A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR EUROPEAN POLICING

By 2025, common European principles and guidelines will be established for the overall objectives, performance and accountability of the police when maintaining European security and protecting citizens' democratic rights in societies governed by the rule of law. This common framework will be enshrined in the European police code of ethics made binding under EU law.