

# Overall Project Status Report 1 (D10.21)

## WP10 – South-Eastern Europe

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## Introduction

This report serves the purpose to give an overall status of WP10 – South-Eastern Europe for the period between 1.6.2015 and 4.9.2015, the first three months of the ICT4COP-Project. At this very early stage of ICT4COP the activities in WP10 for all country cases have focused on desk-based research, the development of a methodology for field research and preparatory organizational work for the field trips. For a more detailed overview of the results of the desk based research please see D10.9 Evaluation Report on Existing Manuals and Handbooks. To give a better overview in the following, this report will be divided by country.

## Methodological approach to country cases

The methodological approach will mainly consist of interviews, focus group interviews and participant observations with stakeholders in the named countries. The stakeholder will be representing the civil society as well as the police. For a detailed description of the applied methods please see the Questionnaire/description of methodology and timeframe (D10.2). The methodological approach was presented during the Kick-off meeting in Drøbak/Norway and feedback from various participants will be taken into account for the further development of the research design.

## Country Case: Kosovo

A number of sources have been evaluated and analyzed. The previous research conducted in Kosovo on COP is extensive and a special attention was given to policing training handbooks and manuals. But also the historical, cultural, political and economical background play an important role in the analysis. During the Kick-off meeting in Drøbak/Norway number of contacts to the Kosovo Police could be established through the police-experts network that will serve as a first step of building a country network in Kosovo.

The next activities will be to develop a set of interview questions, taking into account the research questions provided by NMBU, and to identify specific stakeholders in Kosovo that can be interviewed.

## Country Case Serbia

The main task during the first stage of the project was to gather and examined in details various sources about the Republic of Serbia (e.g. scientific publications, research reports, media coverage). The focal point of the hitherto studies has been to get to know not only current political and social situation in Serbia, but also important historical, cultural and economic factors which might be significant for the field research. Ongoing desk-based studies are especially focused on experiences with implementing COP in Serbia, as well as on history of police reform in this country and present efforts to introduce a new Police Act. Another crucial task which is now performed is setting up a network of experts in

community and policing matters both from and outside Serbia who will provide support in organizing the field study.

The next activities will be to develop a set of interview questions, taking into account the research questions provided by NMBU, and to identify specific stakeholders in Serbia that can be interviewed.

## Country Case BiH

During the first phase of the project a broad scope of various sources have been gathered and analyzed. Many scientific publications, articles and research reports on Bosnia and Herzegovina were methodically examined and evaluated. The focal point of the hitherto studies has been to get to know current political and social situation in BiH, important factors related to Bosnian war, as well as the history of police reform and implementing COP in this country. Ongoing desk-based studies are focused on all aspects (e.g. social, cultural, historical, economic) which are relevant for the project. Currently, despite of gathering information about the country, the most important task is to establish a network of experts in community and policing matters both from and outside Bosnia and Herzegovina who will help in organizing the field study in this country. Some international experts who might support the research in BiH were met during Kick-off meeting in Drøbak.

The next activities will be to develop a set of interview questions, taking into account the research questions provided by NMBU, and to identify specific stakeholders in BiH that can be interviewed.