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## EUAM and National Police agree road map for further cooperation in key reform areas

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Cooperation between the senior management of the National Police of Ukraine (NPU) and the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM) stepped up a gear today after a meeting that lasted for more than six hours. The concrete steps of implementation of the NPU Action Plan were agreed with the senior police management by the end of the discussion, identifying in particular areas where EUAM support is most needed.

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Since last year, EUAM has donated IT and special equipment to the NPU worth over €400,000. The Mission also has ongoing projects worth almost €1.5 million that will benefit the NPU. More than 1,000 police officers were trained by EUAM in 2016, a figure that EUAM aims to double in 2017.

The recently launched EU project ‘Support to Police Reform in Ukraine’ (SPRU), worth €6 million, aims to strengthen community policing in 20 police districts in mid-sized towns in the Kyiv, Kharkiv and Lviv regions, and support the reform of public-order policing in Ukraine.

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## The Scandinavian approach to public order policing, dialogue, Eurovision and more: interview with Patrik Johansen, EUAM Lead Adviser in Public Order

**The ‘Supporting Police Reform in Ukraine’ project has promoting the Scandinavian approach to public order as one of its objectives. Can you tell us what this is?**

The new approach to public order policing in Sweden started after there were major, violent riots in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2001 during which a large number of protestors and police officers were injured.

This criticism prompted a major rethink of the way that the police respond to mass events. The Swedish Police looked at concepts from Germany the Netherlands and Denmark and developed a new model that mostly drew on the Danish concept.

One of the major changes was that the police started to delegate as much as possible to officers on the



*Lead Adviser in Public Order,  
Patrik Johansen*

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*I'm glad that elements  
of the dialogue policing*

ground. One of the shortcomings in Gothenburg was that people had to wait too long for a decision from the top.

The new training system also made sure that everyone gets the same training. Having commanders attend the same training programmes as the people they lead results in a better understanding of the point of view of different colleagues.

De-escalation is key to the entire concept...

### What do you mean by de-escalation?

It means that police forces do everything in their power to plan for and prevent potential violence. The four pillars of this approach are firstly getting as much knowledge as possible about the makeup of any crowd, secondly, learning to differentiate between different parts of the crowd and identify where there are risks, thirdly, constant dialogue and communication with event organisers and members of the crowd and lastly, facilitation.

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*approach have been adopted by the National Police of Ukraine for Eurovision though. It's an important first step and I hope that this will be followed up with a more sustained commitment to dialogue policing.*

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## Activities on the horizon

- **6-7 June:** EUAM will deliver training for the middle level management of the State Fiscal Service on human resources management
- **6-8 June:** Mission will deliver training for Human Rights Directorate in Lviv
- **8-9 June:** EUAM Head of Operations will participate in inauguration ceremony of the Service Centre of Ministry of Internal Affairs in Odessa
- **15 June:** IV Meeting of the parliament-civil society platform "Increasing effectiveness of the criminal investigations in Ukraine: challenges and opportunities"



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