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## **Future of the police: the intelligent ability of managing real police work and European security**

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### ***Introduction***



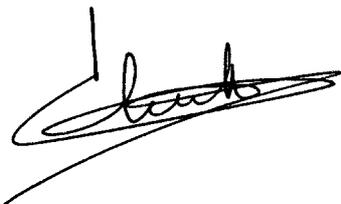
The cooperation among police forces in Europe is an essential condition for fighting effectively against national and international crime. We as Eurofedop are convinced that the cooperation among police trade unions can to an important extent contribute to making the action of the police even more effective and successful. We support our member EPU in its attempt to gather police trade unions in Europe and set up consultation mechanisms with European authorities.

From the representatives of police trade unions from European countries, we want to learn how the police forces in their respective countries have coped with the challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting of the Trade Council Police is the ideal platform to discuss the issues that police officers are currently faced with such as lack of staff, lack of equipment and overburdening. Not only these problems can seriously compromise the service to the citizens, but also seriously increase the risks run by police officers in the execution of their duties.

Artificial intelligence, augmented reality, machine learning are tools that criminals are increasingly making use of and, in the same way, it is essential for police officers to get used with these innovative tools so that they may stay one step ahead of the world of crime. On the other hand, we also want to raise the question of what the social impact of new technological developments are for the work of the police.

The similarity of problems faced by police officers in Europe makes it beneficial and cost- and energy-saving to discuss those problems together and in coordination with European authorities and Eurofedop wants to make a contribution to this through the organisation of this Trade Council for Police Trade Unions in Europe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert Van Caelenberg".

Bert Van Caelenberg  
Secretary General