



The EPU (European Police Union) visited the Lithuanian Police School

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The Lithuanian Police School (hereinafter - LPM) has received a delegation from the European Police Union and the Lithuanian Law Enforcement Officials Federation (hereinafter referred to as LTPF).

Jacqueline Hirt, Executive Director of the European Police Union, together with Anton Jansen, Member of the Dutch ACP Trade Union Board, and Loreta Soščekienė, LTPF Chair, had a meeting with responsible police officers from the school.

Algirdas Kaminskas, head of the LPM, welcomed the guests and underlined that they were pleased by the interest shown by the European Police Union, which indicates that

LPM is moving in the right direction and is becoming a modern educational institution, which focuses not only on the own country but also on what is happening abroad.

The delegation learned more during its visit on the changes that had been introduced in the past few years in the Lithuanian police system and what the results of this have been. The guests were given the opportunity to see the new uniform of the Lithuanian Police Officer as well as the Police Instructor's outfit. Moreover, they learned that the police response unit has a vehicle (minivan) at its disposal, which contains all the equipment and facilities necessary for carrying out effective and safe police patrols.

The guests visited the LPM training base, where they were given the opportunity to test the available modern equipment (laser techniques for crowd observation). The head of LPM noted that the development of the school infrastructure in Mastaiciai had required about 5 million EUR, the largest part of which had been allocated by the Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior.

The LPM staff told the EPU representatives how the selection of applicants for LPM to become police officers is conducted and what the learning programme is for LPM cadets. Attention was drawn to the fact that LPM is the main institution for the training of police officers and, annually, teaches skills to about 8 thousand country officials. Last year, a motivational film had been created by LPM, which was shown to the visitors. It is meant to encourage young people to choose the police officer profession, and with success, their numbers are increasing every year.

Representatives of the European Police Union were impressed by the advanced training of police officers, not only focusing on the training of specialist skills, but also focusing on the development of communication skills and the values of cultural values for future police officers.

The guests were glad that it will not end with this visit and looked forward to the establishment of a beautiful and long-term cooperation programme. Thus, in a near future, within the framework of this cooperation programme, the joint exchange of Dutch and Lithuanian officials has been planned.

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