



Meeting of the Police Chiefs of the Salzburg Forum Member States

26 – 27 March 2019
Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia

CONCLUSIONS

The Police Chiefs of the Salzburg Forum Member States met under the Slovenian Presidency on 26 and 27 March 2019 in Brdo pri Kranju, Republic of Slovenia. Representatives of the Salzburg Forum Member States took part in the meeting; they were joined by representatives of CEPOL and academia.

The Salzburg Forum Police Chiefs meeting was devoted to the concept of community policing, focusing on the positive impacts of the police in the community and their contribution to making the lives of citizens safer and better. All Salzburg Forum Member States shared their national experience with community policing, exchanged best practices in this area as well as some practices that did not prove to be successful. The aim of the exchange was to see a possible way to integrate these practices and experience and shape them into a Europe-wide consensus, which would enable effective operation in this area.

The participants agreed that in order to ensure effective work and provide security it is essential to establish and reinforce mutual trust both with other state authorities and with non-governmental organisations and communities.

The discussion showed that approaches regarding community policing are very different in individual countries, however, they are adapted to each environment and are shown to be successful. The participants agreed that unifying the understanding and concept of community policing would require more discussion and joint work, as well as assistance from the academic community.

At this stage harmonisation of the concept of community policing at EU level is not essential for further developing individual concepts in Salzburg Forum Member States. However, exchange of best practices of community policing at operational level would bring added value to all partners and contribute to more effective work of the police.
