

CONVENTION
for the CONSTITUTION of
ROADPOL-European Roads Policing Network

The following Traffic Police Forces, already associated in TISPOL Organisation Ltd. (1996-2016) and in TISPOL Network (2017-2019), being Contracting Parties to the International Public Association called ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network, done at Dublin (Ireland), on 26th of September 2019,

- Recognizing the value and advances of the cooperation, structures and procedures established and developed under the auspices of past TISPOL Organisation Ltd. (1996-2016) and TISPOL Network (2017-2019).
- Having regard to the Valletta Declaration, signed by Transport ministers of the Member States of the European Union in Valletta (MT) on 29 March 2017 under the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, where stated the importance to reconfirm the commitment to improving road safety, to enhance cooperation between Member States, including relevant authorities, and with civil society, research institutes and the private sector, in particular with regard to road safety plans and strategies following a risk-based or an integrated approach (such as the ‘*Safe System*’ approach).
- Having regard to the European Commission Action Plan on Road Safety as reported into the “*Communication from the Commission to the EU Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Europe on the Move-sustainable Mobility for Europe: safe, connected and clear*” Commission Document (2018) 293 final, on 17 May 2018.
- Having regard to the necessity to effectively enforce road safety rules and provide support to road enforcement bodies, including through cooperation and exchange of best practices, in particular with regard to speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failing to comply with traffic light and traffic sign rules, being distracted while driving, e.g. by using mobile technical devices, and failing to use protective equipment.
- Having regard to the Treaty of Lisbon of 13 December 2007 entitled “*Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union*” which recognized the need to give special attention to cross-border activities.
- Respecting the division of responsibilities as defined by the domestic law of Member States, of the restrictions and obligations deriving from international law and the law of the European Union.
- Considering the legal structure and internal organization of Members.
- Desiring to strengthen exchanges and cooperative relations in common areas of mutual interest, using a renewed cooperation framework, as build in former TISPOL Organisation Ltd. (1996-2016) and TISPOL Network (2017-2019) common participation.
- In this regard, advocating better consultation on common objectives with a view to sharing strategies whose implementation will be able to use European Union Funds and Grants as well as any other action, consistent with the aims of strengthening economic and social cohesion; whether or not it makes use of a Community financial contribution.
- Considered that the International Association is a significant operational tool to support and implement the process of transnational enforcement of road safety.

hereinafter referred to as “*Members*”

agree as follows:

Article 1 - Constitution of ROADPOL

1. The International Public Association ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network hereby established under the laws of Germany, in which the Association has its registered statutory seat.

Article 2 - Objectives of the ROADPOL

1. Main objectives of International Public Association ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network are:
 - (a) Promotion and development of road safety and security.
 - (b) Continuous exchange of ideas, methodologies, policies and techniques applied in member States.
 - (c) Providing an informed position on road safety issues.
 - (d) Central point for best practice throughout Europe.
 - (e) Organizing and coordinating multinational police enforcement operations.
 - (f) Exchange of information as allowed by each member country according to national legislation.
 - (g) In furtherance of the above, organize and run courses, training programs and seminars as required and agreed by the Council.
 - (h) Work in partnership with key stakeholders and European Commission to achieve improved road safety.

Article 3 - Legal Status

1. ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network is an International Public Association with public legal international responsibility, established to facilitate and promote cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation among its members.
2. ROADPOL shall have international legal responsibility.
3. ROADPOL is a totally autonomous and independent Association, with the exclusive purpose to improve road safety and road security.
4. ROADPOL shall have in each member State legal and contractual capacity under that State's law.
5. In particular, it shall have the capacity:
 - (a) to contract;
 - (b) to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property;
 - (c) to be a party to legal proceedings.

Article 4 - Privileges and Immunities

1. ROADPOL, the representatives of the member States, President, Vice President, General Secretary and the Chair of Operational Working Group shall enjoy the privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their tasks, in accordance with a protocol that shall be concluded by the member States.
2. ROADPOL shall conclude a Headquarters agreement with the host Country.

Article 5 - Office

1. ROADPOL has its registered statutory seat in Münster, Germany.
ROADPOL has a temporary General Secretariat in a City of the member State that provides the General Secretary, under the postal address of the General Secretary.

Article 6 - Territory

1. ROADPOL carries out its tasks with reference to the territory corresponding to all the territories of its constituent members.

Article 7 - Tasks

1. To achieve its objectives, as illustrated above in Article 2, ROADPOL shall carry out the following tasks:
 - a) definition and implementation of territorial cooperation projects in the areas of competence of the members in areas of common interest regarding road safety and road security, with or without the EU financial contribution;
 - b) promotion of the interests of ROADPOL at State and European institutions in the area of cooperation on road safety and road security, within the limits and in the forms provided for by the current legislation in each of the relevant member states;
 - c) adherence to bodies, associations and networks that comply with the objectives of cooperation in road safety and road security, in compliance with the national law governing it and with the internal law of each of its member States;
 - d) management of operational programs in the framework of European cooperation, specifically referred to as road safety and road security, subject to the conditions established by law;
 - e) initiation of any other action that can contribute to the achievement of its territorial cooperation objectives for the strengthening of road safety and road security, in compliance with the law of the European Union, the internal law governing it and the internal law of each of the Member States of its members.
2. Members may also entrust ROADPOL with the promotion and implementation of operations included in programs and projects financed by EU Funds, implementing the road safety and road security strategic framework. The same applies to other funds with similar functions.

Article 8 - Specific projects in the area of road safety and road security

1. In the areas of cooperation on road safety and road security, ROADPOL shall in particular implement specific projects following decision take by the Council of the Association.

Article 9 - Law applicable to the interpretation and application of the Convention

1. The applicable law is the law of the registered member State.
2. The control over the ROADPOL management is carried out by the registered State Authorities identified by the registered member State.

Article 10 - Procedure for amendments to the Convention

1. The amendments to the Convention are approved unanimously by the Council.
2. Any substantial modification of the Convention is approved with the procedure for its first signing and for the establishment of the International Association and by the provisions of the present agreement in implementing it, according to the registered State specific law.

Article 11 - Admission of a new member

1. Council decides on the admission of new members of ROADPOL with a qualified majority of two thirds majority. Only full members that are present at the voting can give their vote. A minimum of 50 % + 1 have to be present at the voting.
2. New members must belong to:
 - (a) official EU Police Forces in charge of road safety and / or road security;

- (b) official Police Forces in charge of road safety and road security belonging to state members or eligible to be a member of the Council of Europe.
3. Each State can have only one member representing in ROADPOL. If more than one Police organisation from the same State wants to apply for ROADPOL membership, designation of member must be defined by the national authorities in favour to only one Police force that will represents that Country in the field of road safety and road security, according to own national rules and procedures. The same system is applied to Federal States or Confederation, where the ROADPOL representative must be decided at federal or confederal level, or by different decision of the Federal or Confederal Government.
 4. Possible members with “*associate*” status:
Police Forces of States which are part of the geographical area of Europe but not eligible to be member of the Council of Europe should be admitted to ROADPOL with the status of “associated members”, with the procedure expressed at the above point 1 of this article and following the rules expressed at point 3.
 5. Possible members with “*observer*” or “*special observer*” status:
 - (a) Police Forces of States non including in point 2 and point 4 of the present article but members or eligible to be members of the United Nations Organisation should be admitted to ROADPOL with the status of “*observer*”, with the procedure expressed at the above point 1 of this article and following the rules expressed at point 3.
 - (b) Police Forces of States having or able to have the status of “*observer*” to the United Nations Organisation should be admitted to ROADPOL with the status of “ *special observer*”, with the procedure expressed at the above point 1 of this article and following the rules expressed at point 3.
 6. The application for new admission is presented to the General Secretary of ROADPOL by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or another comparable instrument.

Article 12 - Withdrawal of a member

1. Except in the case where the withdrawal of a member foreshadows the conditions for the dissolution of ROADPOL, in which case the provisions of Article 14 apply, each member may withdraw by giving notice to the General Secretary of ROADPOL by registered letter with receipt or other appropriate means at least six months before the end of the current financial year.
2. Members who have withdrawn from ROADPOL are responsible for actions resulting from ROADPOL activities carried out when they were members.
3. The withdrawing member is obliged to repay the debts relating to their previous financial commitments, within the financing of ROADPOL itself.

Article 13 - Disputes

1. The disputes arising from the application of the present Convention shall be decided by the courts of the Member State in which the ROADPOL's territorially competent Headquarters are located in accordance with registered State specific law.

Article 14 - Dissolution

1. Duration of International Public Association ROADPOL is unlimited.
2. The dissolution of the International Public Association ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network is deliberated unanimously by the Council.
3. Following the winding up, the legislation of the State in which the ROADPOL – European Roads Policing Network has its Headquarters is applied.

4. The management surpluses resulting from the liquidation are distributed among the member States proportionally to the annual funding shares.

Article 15 - Final provisions

1. This Convention and the Statute are drafted in the language of the register State (for registration purposes) and English and both texts are equally authentic and are stipulated in public form, under penalty of nullity.
2. Correspondance in respect of any dispute arising must be communicated in the English language.
3. The Statute of the International Public Association ROADPOL - European Roads Policing Network is an integral and substantial part of the present Convention.
4. This Convention is signed in two original bilingual copies.

Signed in Dublin (Ireland) on date 26th of September 2019

Austria

on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Interior

Belgium

on behalf of the Belgian Federal Highway Police

Bulgaria

on behalf of the Chief Directorate Public Order and Security Police

Croatia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Road Safety Service

Cyprus

on behalf of the Cyprus Police

Czech Republic

on behalf of the Traffic Police Directorate of the Police Presidium

Denmark

on behalf of the Danish Police

Estonia

on behalf of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board

Finland

on behalf of the National Traffic Police

France

on behalf of the Gendarmerie Nationale

Germany

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior/ (MDI RP)

Hungary

on behalf of the National Police Headquarters

Ireland

on behalf of the An Garda Siochana

Italy

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior – department of Public Security

Latvia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior - State Police

Lithuania

on behalf of the Lithuanian Traffic Police Service

Luxembourg

on behalf of the Police Grand-Ducale
Malta

on behalf of the Police Force, General Headquarters

Norway

on behalf of the Norwegian Police Force

Poland

on behalf of the National Police Headquarters, Prevention and Traffic Bureau

Romania

on behalf of the Romanian Traffic Police Directorate

Serbia

on behalf of the Serbian Police

Slovenia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Police

Spain

on behalf of the Guardia Civil / Agrupacion de Trafico

Sweden

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Police

Switzerland

on behalf of the Swiss Police

The Netherlands

on behalf of the National Police of Netherlands

Turkey

on behalf of the National Police

United Kingdom

on behalf of the National Roads Policing UK

STATUTE
of the ROADPOL
European Roads Policing Network

Article 1. General

1. ROADPOL - European Roads Policing Network is an International Public Association, originating as an association of Police Organisations within Europe that are responsible for discharging road safety and road security duties within their national jurisdiction.
2. ROADPOL is a totally autonomous and independent Association, with the exclusive purpose to promote road safety and road security.
3. Generally the aim of ROADPOL is to enhance and intensify international roads police cooperation in Europe by exchanging best practices, and to identify potential areas of cooperation and harmonisation. In addition to keeping in touch with National Police organisations, ROADPOL also keeps in touch with Institutions / Organisations at European level and is a recognised consulting partner, in a “*monopoly*” figure, of the EU Commission in matters relating to road safety and road security.
4. Tasks and specific projects of ROADPOL are expressly indicated in Article 7 and in Article 8 of the Convention for the Constitution of ROADPOL - European Roads Policing Networks.

Article 2. Cooperation process

1. ROADPOL is financed by its members, under specific procedures defined by Council following rules indicated in Article 12 of the Statute.
2. ROADPOL has the opportunity to apply to obtain finances and grants or co-finances from the European Commission.
3. The cooperation process is specified by the present Statute and shall enter into force as the “ROADPOL Statute” by virtue of Article 24, following the signature of Member States representatives.

Article 3. Definition of terms

Association: International Association shall be designated ROADPOL (European Roads Policing Network).

President: the President is the Presiding Officer of the Council of ROADPOL and shall represent ROADPOL externally.

Vice-President: the Vice-President is the person authorized to deputise on behalf of the President in case of temporary incapacity and shall represent ROADPOL externally in case of President’s incapacity on in his/her behalf following a specific proxy.

Executive Committee: the Executive Committee manages the purpose of implementing the business plan of ROADPOL.

General Secretary: the General Secretary is the Secretary of the Council and the Secretary of the Executive Committee. He/she shall represent the President and ROADPOL. The General Secretary is the legal and financial person responsible for ROADPOL.

Chair of Operational Working Group: the Chair of Operational Working Group shall coordinate the operational activities of ROADPOL.

ROADPOL Council: the representatives of the National Road Police organisation at a Council meeting.

Police Organisation: a national, governmental controlled Police organisation that has been set up by the members legislature with responsibility for discharging police tasks in the road safety sector.

Law Enforcement: shall refer to all activity aimed at preventing and combating crime. It includes, but is not limited to, the work of customs, police and border guards where that work falls under the ROADPOL mandate.

Members: Police Forces of States which are part of the Council of Europe or eligible to be part of it.

Associated members: Police Forces of States which are part of the geographical area of Europe but not eligible to be member of the Council of Europe.

Observers: Police Forces of States not eligible to be members or associate members, but that are members or eligible to be a member of the United Nations Organisation.

Special Observers: Police Forces of States having or able to have the status of “*observer*” to the United Nations Organisation.

Article 4. Membership

1. ROADPOL membership is defined as in the Preamble and in Article 11 of the Convention.
2. If a membership fee has been defined, member State obtain the “*full membership*” and become eligible to vote and being electable only if fee related to the immediate previous year has been paid.
3. Members have the right to participate in ROADPOL’s Council meetings, Operational Working Group, operational activities and information exchange, with full right of vote, in adherence to the principle “*one member, one vote*”:
 - a) Countries with *full membership* are eligible to apply for the role of President.
 - b) Countries with *full membership* are eligible to apply for the role of Vice-President
 - c) Countries with *full membership* are eligible to apply for the role of General Secretary.
 - d) Countries with *full membership* are eligible to apply for the role of Chair of Operational Working Group.
 - e) Countries with *full membership* are eligible for membership of the Executive Committee.
4. Associate Members have the right to participate in ROADPOL’s Council meetings, Working Groups, operational activities and information exchange, with no right of vote.
5. Observers and Special Observers have the right to participate in ROADPOL’s conferences.

Article 5. ROADPOL Council

1. ROADPOL Council shall consist of the official representatives of the respective Members who have signed the Convention and the present Statute and have status of Member State, and Associate Member.
2. The Council shall come together as the Council meeting.
3. Each Member of ROADPOL shall only have one vote in the Council.
4. ROADPOL President is the presiding officer of ROADPOL Council. In case of absence he/she can be substituted by Vice- President.
5. The Council will meet a minimum of two times per year.
6. One of the Council meetings shall be the Annual General Meeting.
7. The Council, in the Annual General Meeting, shall elect:
 - (a) ROADPOL President, using procedures expressly indicated in Article 7 (7);
 - (b) ROADPOL Vice-President, using procedures expressly indicated in Article 7 (7);
 - (c) ROADPOL General Secretary, using procedures expressly indicated in Article 7 (7);
 - (d) ROADPOL Executive Committee Members, using procedures expressly indicated in article 14.
8. The Council, in the Annual General Meeting, shall decide on:
 - (a) the admission of new members, associate members, observers and special observers;

- (b) the temporarily suspension of members, associate members, observers and special observers;
 - (c) the dissolution of ROADPOL.
- The Council, in the Annual General Meeting, shall take note of the withdrawal of a member, an associate member, an observer and a special observer.
9. The Council shall be responsible for:
 - (a) defining the goals, priorities and policies of the association;
 - (b) monitoring and controlling implementation and activities;
 - (c) adopting the work plan and Annual Report;
 - (d) determining scheduled plans and projects;
 - (e) consolidating and expanding the Association;
 - (f) employing and appointing working groups;
 - (g) set the strategic approach of the Association and inform the Operational Working Group of the operational direction it is required to undertake;
 - (h) delegate to the Executive Committee specific questions;
 - (i) approval of Annual Financial Report;
 - (j) for founding approval opportunities as submitted by General Secretary.
 10. ROADPOL Council Member post is totally free of salary.
 11. ROADPOL Council Members shall discharge their duties within Council at the expense of the respective National Police organisations or by themselves. Except where EU funding programme is in place and applicable or on the approval of the Executive Committee of the ROADPOL Network.

Article 6. Council Meetings.

1. ROADPOL shall in each year hold a Council Meeting as its Annual General Meeting in addition to any other Council Meeting in that year, and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of ROADPOL and that of the next.
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place, as the Executive Committee shall nominate.
3. The Executive Committee may whenever they think fit convene a Council Meeting.
4. 50% + 1 Members of ROADPOL shall also convene a Council Meeting, on such requisition.

Article 7. Proceedings and vote at Council Meetings

1. Full membership entitles the Member State to vote in Council, Executive and Working Group meetings.
2. ROADPOL Council meetings will be held twice during a calendar year.
3. Generally ROADPOL Council meetings shall be hosted in rotation by the members.
4. Each member Country has one vote at the Council.
5. On a poll, votes may only be given personally. Poll is valid, when 50 % + 1 of the members are present and 50 % + 1 of the votes are in favour.
6. ROADPOL General Secretary, or in his / her absence ROADPOL President, shall chair the ROADPOL Council meeting as chairperson at Council meeting.
7. Council shall elect ROADPOL President, Vice President and General Secretary with following procedures:
 - (a) Only full members that are present at the voting can give their vote.
 - (b) A minimum of 50 % + 1 have to be present at the voting.
 - (c) First Vote: qualified majority of two thirds.
 - (d) Second Vote: 50 % + 1.
 - (e) Third Vote: candidate with the majority of votes.

8. If for the election of President, Vice-President and General Secretary nobody has been elected at the end of the tenth vote, the position remains vacant until the next ROADPOL Council meeting and the current President or Vice-President or General Secretary, continues to attend the role in an "acting" position.
9. ROADPOL Council, on chairperson proposal, can decide to avoid vote for and elect President, Vice-President or General Secretary by unanimously declaring an election.
10. Votes for election of ROADPOL President, Vice-President or General Secretary, as well for any kind of vote on a personal matter will be a secret ballot.
11. Council shall admit ROADPOL new members, according to the article 11 of the Convention, with following procedures:
 - (a) only full members that are present at the voting can give their vote
 - (b) a minimum of 50 % + 1 have to be present at the voting
 - (c) qualified majority of two thirds of members.
 - (d) the vote is by a show of hands.
 - (e) in case of tie, the chairperson at the moment of the vote will have the casting vote.
 - (f) upon request of 50% + 1 of those present, the vote shall be a secret ballot.
12. Votes on other matters on coming before the Council
 - (a) require the simple majority of 50%+1 of those present
 - (b) are on a show of hands
 - (c) in case of a tie the Council Meeting Chairperson at the moment of the vote will have the casting vote.
13. Minutes shall be kept for each ROADPOL Council meeting. The General Secretary is responsible for having the minutes recorded. If for any reason this is not possible, the member organisation in whose Country the Council meeting is being held shall take the minutes. The minutes will be circulated to Council within two weeks following the meeting.
14. All the results of votes must be reported in the official minutes.

Article 8. ROADPOL President

1. Council shall elect ROADPOL President with procedures indicated on Article 7, point 7 of present Statute.
2. To be eligible, candidates must be member of the Executive Committee for at least two years.
3. ROADPOL President shall be elected for a one year term and is re-eligible for another year also consecutively.
4. ROADPOL President can serve for a maximum period of two year, also not consecutively.
5. The President shall be the Presiding Officer of ROADPOL.
6. The President shall be the ROADPOL's official representative externally and is responsible for the policy of the Association.
7. If the General Secretary is absent, or unable to, or under specific designation, the President shall chair a Council meeting.
8. ROADPOL President automatically becomes a member of the Executive Committee during the mandate.
9. ROADPOL President may be required to attend European Union, United Nations, other road safety related Organisations and stakeholder meetings.
10. ROADPOL President can organise and manage, in his/her own Country, a Presidential Office during the mandate time (costs to be bourn by his/her Country).
11. Role of ROADPOL President is not compatible, during the mandate, with the role of Vice-President, General Secretary and Chair of Operational Working Group.

12. If a member of the Executive Committee is elected to the role of ROADPOL President, his/her seat on the Executive Committee becomes vacant and a supplementary election for the Executive Committee must be held, but the role shall not be covered by the same state.
13. If the Vice-President, the General Secretary or the Chair of Operational Working Group is elected to the role of ROADPOL President, his/her role becomes vacant and a supplementary election must be held, but the role shall not be covered by the same state.
14. A ROADPOL President who serves for the maximum period of two years, also not consecutively, cannot be elected to the post of ROADPOL President thereafter.
15. A ROADPOL President who served for the maximum period of two years, also not consecutively, continues to be eligible for the post of ROADPOL Vice-President, General Secretary or Chair of Operational Working Group, according with specific rules and eligibility criteria for these posts.
16. A ROADPOL President who serves for the maximum period of two years, also not consecutively, is entitled to use the title of ROADPOL Past-President. The use of this title is automatically suspended if the ROADPOL Past-President held the position of Vice-President, General Secretary or Chief of Operational Working Group, during the mandate. The TISPOL Past-Presidents become ROADPOL Past-Presidents automatically as well ROADPOL recognizes previous TISPOL Awards as ROADPOL's ones.
17. ROADPOL President post is totally free of salary.

Article 9. ROADPOL Vice-President

1. Council shall elect ROADPOL Vice-President with procedures indicates on Article 7, point 7, of present Statute.
2. To be eligible, candidates must be representatives of a full member State for at least two years.
3. ROADPOL Vice-President shall be elected for a one year term and is re-eligible for another year, also consecutively.
4. ROADPOL Vice-President can serve for a maximum period of two years, also not consecutively.
5. If the General Secretary and the President are absent, or unable to, or under specific designation, the Vice-President shall chair the Council meeting.
6. The Vice-President shall be the ROADPOL's official representative externally and responsible for the policy of the Association, if designated by the President or in the case of absence or temporary inability of the current President.
7. ROADPOL Vice-President automatically becomes a member of the Executive Committee during the mandate.
8. ROADPOL Vice-President may be required to attend European Union, United Nations, other road safety related Organisations and stakeholder meetings, if designated by the President or in case of absence or temporary inability of the current President.
9. ROADPOL Vice-President can organise and manage, in his/her own Country, a Vice-President Office (costs to be bourn by his/her term of office).
10. Role of ROADPOL Vice-President is not compatible, during the mandate, with the role of President, General Secretary and Chair of Operational Working Group.
11. If a member of the Executive Committee is elected to the role of ROADPOL Vice-President, his/her seat on the Executive Committee becomes vacant and a supplementary election for the Executive Committee must be held, but the role shall not be covered by the same state.
12. If the General Secretary or the Chair of Operational Working Group is elected to the role of ROADPOL Vice-President, his/her role became vacant and a supplementary election must be claimed, but the role shall not be covered by the same state.

13. A ROADPOL Vice President who served for the maximum period of two years, also not consecutively continues to be eligible for the post of ROADPOL President or General Secretary, according with specific rules and eligibility criteria for these posts.
14. ROADPOL Vice-President post is totally free of salary.

Article 10. ROADPOL General Secretariat

1. ROADPOL General Secretariat, according to Article 5 of the Convention, is the official administrative center and address of the International Public Association.
2. The ROADPOL General Secretariat is temporarily hosted in the City of the member State, that provides the General Secretary, under his or her postal address.
3. ROADPOL General Secretariat is required to record and store all the official documents and data concerning the International Public Association, during the course of their tenure in office.
4. ROADPOL General Secretariat is managed by the local ROADPOL Office of the hosting Country.

Article 11. ROADPOL General Secretary

1. A General Secretary shall be appointed by the Council to run the day-to-day business of the organisation.
2. The General Secretary as the Chair of the Council meeting shall be responsible for coordinating the meeting of the Council.
3. The General Secretary shall manage ROADPOL together with the other members of the Executive Committee.
4. The General Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
5. General Secretary's job description and tasks will be determined and regulated by the Council with further, separate regulation, to adopt by ROADPOL Council within 3 months from the registration of ROADPOL Statute.
6. Council shall elect ROADPOL General Secretary with procedures indicated on Article 7, point 7, of present Statute.
7. To be eligible, candidates must be members of the Executive Committee for at least two years.
8. In case of absence of candidates, ROADPOL President, with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, can propose to vote on the possible admission of an external independent General Secretary.
9. ROADPOL General Secretary shall be elected for a two year term and is re-eligible also consecutively.
10. ROADPOL General Secretary can serve for a maximum period of a six years, also not consecutively.
11. Role of ROADPOL General Secretary is not compatible, during the mandate, with the role of President, Vice-President or Chair of Operational Working Group.
12. If a member of the Executive Committee is elected to the role of ROADPOL General Secretary, his/her seat on the Executive Committee becomes vacant and a supplementary election for the Executive Committee must be held, but the role shall not be covered by the same state.
13. If the Vice-President or the Chair of Operational Working Group is elected to the role of ROADPOL General Secretary, his/her role becomes vacant and a supplementary election must be held, but the role shall not be covered by a same state.

14. A ROADPOL General Secretary who served for the maximum period of six years, also not consecutively, cannot be elected to the post of ROADPOL General Secretary any more.
15. A ROADPOL General Secretary who served for the maximum period of six years, also not consecutively, continues to be eligible for the post of ROADPOL President, Vice-President or Chair of Operational Working Group, according with specific rules and eligibility criteria for these posts.

Article 12. ROADPOL Finance, account ad audit

1. ROADPOL shall in principle be self-financing or co-financing where ever feasible. Normally there shall be no budget.
2. Members shall pay fees to ROADPOL if determined by the Council and with the amount and rules approved yearly by the Council.
3. Association fees must be determined annually at the Council Annual General Meeting, on proposal of General Secretary endorsed by the Executive Committee.
4. A bank account shall be opened in the name of ROADPOL. All membership fees, expenses and business costs shall be paid to and from this account.
5. Membership fees will be used to meet the running costs of ROADPOL.
6. Costs of meeting rooms will be funded from ROADPOL funds.
7. ROADPOL funds will pay for accountancy and audit fees as appropriate.
8. ROADPOL can decide to pay for reasonable costs of President, Vice-President, General Secretary or Chair of Operational Working Group to attend key stakeholder meetings. Final decision rests with the Council on the proposal of the General Secretary.
9. ROADPOL funds the annual running costs of the ROADPOL website and media coverage.
10. ROADPOL will pay for insurance premiums as required.
11. ROADPOL shall maintain, with a well-established and reputable insurer, adequate insurance against all risks usually insured against by a network carrying on the same or a similar type business.
12. ROADPOL carries on and conducts its business and affairs in a proper and efficient manner and for its own benefit.
13. All business of ROADPOL other than routine, day-to-day business and any business relating to the implementation of the Business Plan shall be undertaken and transacted by the Council.
14. ROADPOL business shall be carried on pursuant to policies laid down from time to time by the members of the Council.
15. ROADPOL shall keep a book of accounts and therein make true and complete entries of all its dealings and transactions of and in relation to its business.
16. All travel and financial accommodation expenses incurred by members, associated members, observers and special observers attending Council meetings or other activities/meetings shall be borne by themselves. In case of external funding the costs of the members can be covered.
17. ROADPOL shall endeavour to appropriate a financial budget, or if necessary, an externally acquired budget. ROADPOL shall apply for EU funding, co-funding and all other grants available.
18. All ROADPOL members, associate members, observers and special observers shall discharge their duties within ROADPOL at the expense of the respective National Police organisations or by themselves.
19. Members who have withdrawn from ROADPOL are responsible for financial responsibilities resulting from ROADPOL activities carried out when they were members. The withdrawing

member is obliged to repay the debts relating to their previous financial commitments, within the financing of ROADPOL itself.

20. The ROADPOL General Secretary shall cause financial accounting records to be kept.
21. The accounting records shall be kept at the ROADPOL General Secretariat, or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee shall think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the full members of the Council.
22. Subject to any reasonable restriction as to the time and manner of inspecting same, the ROADPOL accounts and books or any of them shall be open to the inspection of the Council members.
23. The General Secretary shall cause to be prepared and to be laid before ROADPOL in Council meeting such income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets and reports as are required.
24. Full accounts shall be prepared and must be placed before the Council at the Annual General Meeting and an independent and qualified person will prepare these such audited accounts.
25. An audit of ROADPOL finances will be undertaken annually and an audit certificate shall be obtained. This will be undertaken by an independent and qualified person/company and expenses must be covered by ROADPOL funds.

Article 13. ROADPOL Executive Committee

1. ROADPOL will establish an Executive Committee.
2. ROADPOL Executive Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and all of the Association's affairs. The Executive Committee shall draw up a work plan and an annual review and shall convene the Council Meeting.
3. ROADPOL Executive Committee is comprised of:
 - (a) ROADPOL President;
 - (b) ROADPOL Vice-President;
 - (c) ROADPOL General Secretary;
 - (d) ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group;
 - (e) elected members in the number and with the rules and procedures that will be determined by the ROADPOL Council with a separate regulation to be adopted within 3 months from the registration of the present Statute.
4. Within 3 months from the adoption of this Statute the ROADPOL Council must adopt a specific regulation contents number of seats, job description, tasks and responsibilities for ROADPOL Executive Committee members.
5. Within 3 months from the adoption of the present Statute the ROADPOL Council must adopt a specific regulation regarding rules for ROADPOL Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee mandate is annual for elected members. There are no limits for re-election.
7. If an elected member of the Executive Committee is elected to the post of ROADPOL President, Vice-President, General Secretary or Chair of Operational Working Group during the mandate of the Executive Committee member, the seat becomes vacant and a supplementary election shall be convened.
8. If an elected member of the Executive Committee resigns during the mandate time, the seat remain vacant and a supplementary election shall be convened.
9. ROADPOL Executive Committee Member post is totally free of salary.

Article 14. Proceedings and vote at Executive Committee Meetings

1. ROADPOL President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Chair of Operational Working Group posts and elected membership entitles the member state to vote at the Executive Committee meetings.
2. ROADPOL Executive Committee meetings will be held at least twice during a calendar year.
3. Generally a ROADPOL Executive Committee meeting shall be hosted in rotation by the Executive Committee members state.
4. Each member of the Executive Committee has only one vote at Executive Committee meetings.
5. On a poll, votes may only be given personally. Poll is valid, when 50 % + 1 of the members are present.
6. ROADPOL President, or in his absence the Vice President (if any), shall preside as Chairperson at Executive Committee meetings.
7. Votes on competence of Executive Committee:
 - (a) require the simple majority of 50%+1 of those present;
 - (b) are on a show of hands;
 - (c) in case of vote on persons, the vote shall be a secret ballot;
 - (d) in the case of a tie the vote of ROADPOL President or of the temporary Chairperson shall be the casting vote.
8. Minutes shall be kept for each ROADPOL Executive Committee meeting. The General Secretary is responsible for having the Minutes recorded. If for any reason this is not possible, the member organisation in whose Country the Executive Committee meeting is being held shall take the minutes.
9. All the results of votes must be reported in the official minutes.

Article 15. ROADPOL Operational Working Group

1. ROADPOL Operational Working Group shall perform the tasks they have been entrusted with, for instance:
 - (a) Developing prevention measures in a certain specialised area of road safety;
 - (b) Preparing and /or organising operational activities;
 - (c) Preparing and /or organising pilot projects.
2. ROADPOL Operational Working Group shall be made up of one member from each of the member states, with full right of participation in activities and vote.
3. In ROADPOL Operational Working Group can participate, as observers, also representative of associate members, observers and special observers, with no right of vote.
4. Each member State nominates one person to attend. It is possible to nominate a temporary replacement in case of absence of the nominated person. They are responsible for the costs of travel and accommodation expenses. Operational Working Group can agree to use specific IT systems to have meeting on video conference or similar.
5. ROADPOL will pay the costs of the meeting room and/or possible video-conference system.
6. ROADPOL Operational Working Group sets the operational calendar, which will be ratified by the Council Annual meeting. This will be in line with the strategic direction as agreed by the ROADPOL Council.
7. ROADPOL Operational Working Group full members shall elect a Chair of Operational Working Group. Chair of Operational Working Group must be a representative of a ROADPOL full member State.

8. The agenda of the Operational Working Group shall cover such topics as, High Risk, Roads Policing, Drugs and Alcohol, Operational Events, Tachographs and Technology and other emerging issues. It is for the members of the Operational Working Group to agree on how the group is organised. The Operational Working Group can be integrated with Tacho Web Group (TWG) and Technology Working Group (TechWG). This will then be presented to and ratified by the Council.

Article 16. Proceedings and vote at Operational Working Group Meetings

1. ROADPOL Operational Working Group meetings will be held at least twice during a calendar year.
2. Generally ROADPOL Operational Working Group meetings shall be hosted in the same place as the Council meeting.
3. Each member has only one vote at the Operational Working Group.
4. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group shall preside as Chairperson at Operational Working Group meeting.
5. On a poll, votes may be given only personally. Poll is valid, when 50 % + 1 of the members are present.
6. Votes on competence of Operational Working Group:
 - (a) require the simple majority of 50%+1 of those present;
 - (b) are on a show of hands;
 - (c) in case of vote on persons, the vote shall be secret;
 - (d) in case of a tie decides, eventually, the vote of ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group.
7. Minutes shall be kept on each meeting of the ROADPOL Operational Working Group, the Technology Working Group and the Tacho Web Group. The respective Secretary of each working group is responsible for taking the Minutes. If for any reason this is not possible, the member organization in whose Country the meeting is being held shall take the minutes. The minutes will be circulated to all Working Groups within two weeks after the meeting.
8. All the results of votes must be reported in the official minutes.

Article 17. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group

1. ROADPOL Operational Working Group full members shall elect a Chair of Operational Working Group.
2. Chair of Operational Working Group must be a representative of a ROADPOL full member State. To be eligible, candidates must be representatives of a full member State for at least two years.
3. Operational Working Group shall elect ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group with following procedures:
 - a) Only full members that are present at the voting can give their vote.
 - b) A minimum of 50 % + 1 have to be present at the voting.
 - c) First Vote: qualified majority of two thirds.
 - d) Second Vote: 50 % + 1.
 - e) Third Vote: candidate with Majority of votes.
4. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group shall be elected for a two years term and is re-eligible also consecutively.
5. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group can serve for a maximum period of six years, also not consecutively.

6. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group has the mandate to manage all the operational activities of the Association and to report at least twice per year to the Council.
7. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group automatically becomes a member of the Executive Committee during the mandate.
8. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group may be required to attend European Union, United Nations, other road safety related Organisations and stakeholder meetings.
9. Role of ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group is not compatible, during the mandate, with the role of President, Vice-President and General Secretary.
10. If a member of the Executive Committee is elected to the role of ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group, his/her seat into the Executive Committee becomes vacant and a supplementary election for the Executive Committee must be held, but the role will not be covered by the same state.
11. If the President, the Vice-President or the General Secretary is elected to the role of ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group, his/her role becomes vacant and a supplementary election must be held, but the role will not be covered by the same state.
12. ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group post is totally free of salary.

Article 18. ROADPOL Operational Office

1. The ROADPOL Operational Office is temporarily hosted in the country of the Chair of the Operational Working Group.
2. ROADPOL Operational Office is required to record and store all the official documents and data concerning the operational activity of the group.
3. ROADPOL Operational Office is managed by the local ROADPOL Office of the hosting Country.
4. ROADPOL shall agree a Headquarters agreement with the Operational Office Host Country.
5. The Operational Office host the Operational Working Group Secretary, directly nominated by the ROADPOL Chair of Operational Working Group.

Article 19. ROADPOL Business.

1. Except where the members may otherwise agree in writing or save as otherwise provided or contemplated in these articles the members of the Executive Committee shall exercise their powers in relation to the network so as to ensure the business of ROADPOL is conducted in accordance with this constitution.
2. ROADPOL carries on and conducts its business and affairs in a proper and efficient manner and for its own benefit.
3. All business of ROADPOL other than routine, day-to-day business and any business relating to the implementation of the Business Plan shall be undertaken and transacted by the members at the Council Meetings.
4. The business of ROADPOL shall be carried on pursuant to policies laid down from time to time by the members of Council.
5. ROADPOL shall retain, with a well-established and reputable insurer to provide adequate insurance against all risks usually insured against by a network carrying on the same or a similar business.
6. ROADPOL shall keep a book of accounts and therein make true and complete entries of all its dealings and transactions of and in relation to its business. The General Secretary is the only legal person responsible for the financial management of ROADPOL.

Article 20. Strategy, co-ordination and planning

1. ROADPOL shall develop and agree upon a 3-year strategy starting with 2021 – 2023.
2. An annual report will be published.
3. Co-ordination and planning will be the responsibility of the General Secretary at the direction of the President, Executive Committee and Council.

Article 21. Working language

1. For practical reasons the working language of ROADPOL will be English.
2. Member States may bring interpreters at their own expense.

Article 22. Documentation.

1. The General Secretariat may cause all or any books, minutes, registers, instruments, contracts, notices, records or other information or any thereof statutorily or otherwise required to be registered or recorded by the network.
2. The General Secretariat may determine in bound books or by some other means so long as the recording is capable of being reproduced in legible form and adequate precautions are taken for guarding against falsification and any reference in the articles to books or registers or other documentary record shall be deemed to include such other means as aforesaid.

Article 23. Opening clause

1. In the event of unforeseen circumstances that are not included in ROADPOL's Convention and Statute, Executive Committee shall decide on how to proceed.
2. If it is not possible to await a decision by the Council meeting, Executive Committee shall decide.
3. If it is not possible to await a decision by Executive Committee, the President shall decide.
4. These decisions shall be presented at the next Council meeting and shall be approved retrospectively.

Article 24. Entry in force

1. Present ROADPOL Statute enters in to force on the 26th of September 2019 upon the approval at the Annual Council Meeting held in Dublin (Ireland) on 25th of September 2019.
2. Unill the election of new ROADPOL Statutory Bodies, the last TISPOL Statutory Bodies will continue to operate as ROADAPOL in an acting capacity.

Signed in Dublin (Ireland) on date 26th of September 2019

Austria

on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Interior

Belgium

on behalf of the Belgian Federal Highway Police

Bulgaria

on behalf of the Chief Directorate Public Order and Security Police

Croatia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Road Safety Service

Cyprus

on behalf of the Cyprus Police

Czech Republic

on behalf of the Traffic Police Directorate of the Police Presidium

Denmark

on behalf of the Danish Police

Estonia

on behalf of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board

Finland

on behalf of the National Traffic Police

France

on behalf of the Gendarmerie Nationale

Germany

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior/ (MDI RP)

Hungary

on behalf of the National Police Headquarters

Ireland

on behalf of the An Garda Siochana

Italy

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior – department of Public Security

Latvia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior - State Police

Lithuania

on behalf of the Lithuanian Traffic Police Service

Luxembourg

on behalf of the Police Grand-Ducale

Malta

on behalf of the Police Force, General Headquarters

Norway

on behalf of the Norwegian Police Force

Poland

on behalf of the National Police Headquarters, Prevention and Traffic Bureau

Romania

on behalf of the Romanian Traffic Police Directorate

Serbia

on behalf of the Serbian Police

Slovenia

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Police

Spain

on behalf of the Guardia Civil / Agrupacion de Trafico

Sweden

on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, Police

Switzerland

on behalf of the Swiss Police

The Netherlands

on behalf of the National Police of Netherlands

Turkey

on behalf of the National Police

United Kingdom

on behalf of the National Roads Policing UK