Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA) brings together police chiefs of: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, BiH – the Republic of Srpska, R. Bulgaria, R. Croatia, R. Macedonia, R. Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and R. Serbia.

SEPCA was created in Pula, R. Croatia, in January 2002. The Statute of the Association was adopted in October 2002, in Bucharest. At the same time, The Association elected its Executive Committee and key officials. The Association held its first official Annual General Conference in Belgrade, in June 2003. The seat of the SEPCA Secretariat is located in Sofia.

In the initial period, the Canadian Government (Canadian International Development Agency and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) greatly supported SEPCA activities. Its objectives were to improve police cooperation between members, develop professionalism and facilitate reforms in the police services. Later on, partnerships were built with the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-ordination (SDC) and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).

The new SEPCA Statute was adopted in 2007. The Association Building Strategy was elaborated, containing an outlook on the future of SEPCA and its activities. It focused on rationalization of joint activities in order to establish an all-inclusive public security system and improve cross-border police co-operation. Furthermore, special attention will be paid to the common elaboration and implementation of projects. The development strategy envisages an improved cooperation with all regional partners and organizations in order to raise the security level, rationalize activities in public security building, as well as intensify cross-border police cooperation.

R. Serbia and some other countries would like to see this association transformed to an international organization. Namely, SEPCA currently operates as an association (NGO), in line with the current legislation of Bulgaria, as its seat is based in Sofia. Since certain Directors of Police of SEPCA countries refused to agree to possible transformation into an international organization and presented their reasons for this, a positive stance of their countries could hardly be expected at the moment.

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