



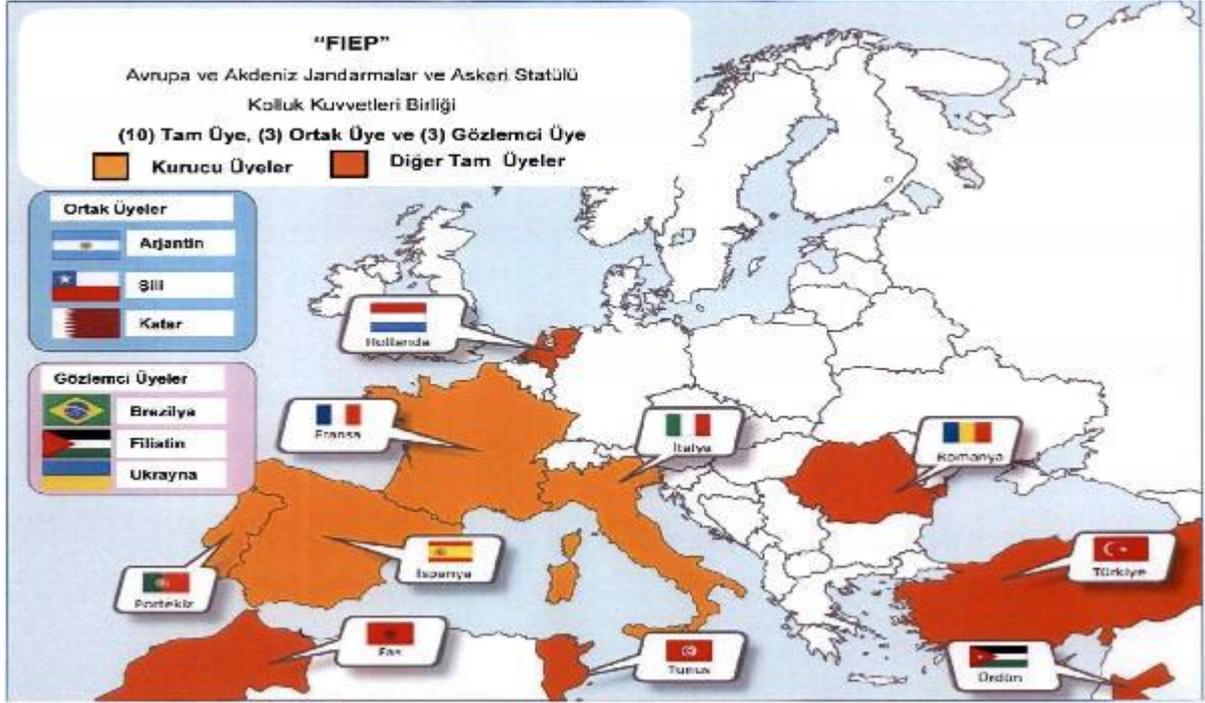
**ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN GENDARMERIES AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES WITH MILITARY STATUS (FIEP)**

1. Description:

Association of European and Mediterranean Gendarmeries and Law Enforcement Forces with Military Status (FIEP) is an organization established to strengthen the cooperation among the Gendarmeries and Law Enforcement Forces with Military Status of European countries and the countries on the basin of Mediterranean.

2. FIEP Members:

The current regular members of the Association are the Gendarmerie Organisations of France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, the Netherlands, Morocco, Romania, Jordan and Tunisia; the associated members are Argentina, Qatar and Chile and the observer countries are Palestine, Brazil and Ukraine.



3. Short History of FIEP:

French National Gendarmerie General Directorate proposed a cooperation project on 1 October 1992 in order to provide with a place on the international arena that is deserved by the law enforcement forces with military status, which are responsible for maintaining public order and security in most part of their countries.

For this purpose, the cooperation works were initiated on various platforms. A meeting was organized in Madrid on 18 May 1994 by the representatives of French National Gendarmerie General Directorate, Italian Carabinieri Corps Command and Spanish Guardia Civil to be able to carry out the works efficiently and determine the legal limits. In this meeting, an organization was established under the name of FIE which stood for the capital letters of these countries.

Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana, which responded the invitation of participation to the organization favourably, attended the meeting held in Rome on 2 June 1995 and FIE became FIEP.

The first FIEP summit meeting which General Commanders and Directors attended was held in France on 23 May 1996. A principle to hold presidency for a country for one year was adopted with a Common Declaration signed in this meeting.

The Gendarmerie General Command sent a letter dated 30 August 1997 to the Gendarmerie General Commanders and Directors of FIEP member states and declared their will to be a member of FIEP organization.

The request of Turkish Gendarmerie to be a member of FIEP was discussed during General Commanders and Directors Summit Meeting held in Lisbon on 21 October 1997 and the observer status of Turkish Gendarmerie was accepted.

The membership of the Turkish Gendarmerie General Command to FIEP was approved in Gendarmerie General Commanders and Directors Summit Meeting held in Madrid on 20 October 1998. In the same meeting, the Royal Netherlands Marechausse Command and Moroccan Royal Gendarmerie Command were accepted as observer members to the FIEP organization.

FIEP Agreement regulating FIEP works and internal operation was signed at the meeting of the Gendarmerie General Commanders and Directors Summit held in Rome on 20 October 1999. The text of this Agreement was updated in 2011, 2002 and 2009.

4. Membership Dates of FIEP Members :

Country	Name of the Organization	Membership Date
France	General Directorate of National Gendarmerie	1994
Italy	Italian Carabinieri Corps Command	
Spain	Guardia Civil Directorate	
Portugal	Guardia Nacional Republicana	1995
Turkey	Turkish Gendarmerie General Command	1998
The Netherlands	Royal Netherlands Marechausse Command	2000
Morocco	Royal Gendarmerie	

	Command	
Romania	Gendarmerie General Inspectorate	2001
Chile	Carabineros General Command (*)	2005
Argentina	National Gendarmerie Directorate	
Jordan	Gendarmerie General Directorate	2011
Qatar	Qatar internal Security Command (*)	2013
Tunisia	Tunisia National Guard Command	2016
Palestine	Palestine National Security Forces(**)	2015
Brazil	Brazil Military Police and Military Firefighter Units(**)	2016
Ukrain	Ukraine National Guard Command(**)	2016

(*) Associate member

(**) Observer member

5. Membership Requirements to FIEP :

- a. To be a member of Council of Europe or a country on the basin of Mediterranean.
- b. To be a general law enforcement force with military status.
- c. To prevent and investigate criminal offences which require penalty under judicial authority.
- d. To maintain public order under local or national authority.
- e. To assume various administrative tasks additionally.

6. FIEP Organs :

- a. Presidency in turn

b. Secretary (FIEP Project Officer)

c. Senior Council of Directors and General Commanders (Summit)

7. Working Principles of FIEP :

FIEP does not have a system of permanent secretary or presidency. These duties are performed in turn by the member countries. The duties of Presidency in turn and secretary are initiated with General Commanders and Directors Summit Meeting held in October every year. The organization performing these duties hands over the duties of presidency and secretariat to the successive organization through General Commanders and Directors Summit Meeting held in their countries.

The Presidency is carried out in turn by the members for one year.

The country holding the Presidency is responsible for organizing the meetings of Senior Council of Directors and General Commanders (Summit), preparatory activities and hosting the meetings held in October every year.

President represents FIEP; coordinates and controls the programs determined by Senior Council (Summit).

During one-year mandate, the relevant Directorate/Command carries out the following duties by the Secretary of the Presidency established in their headquarters:

- a. To conduct activities foreseen by the Agreement.
- b. To facilitate contact among the Commissions.
- c. To conduct liaison duties with the central office determined by every member institution.
- d. To prepare all the necessary documents.

Secretariat is responsible for:

- a. Organizing and coordinating joint activities such as preparatory meetings.
- b. Being a point of contact for collecting and distributing reports and information.
- c. Preparing minutes of meetings held by Senior Council of Directors and General Commanders; to follow that all the activities resulted from the decisions made in these meetings are included in the common declaration and carried out in line with this.
- d. Following the activities foreseen by the decision taken by the Commission, their results and the issues determined previously by means of the reports to be received from the institution hosting the annual meetings.

- e. Examining general or specific proposals and requests submitted by the parties.
- f. Collecting and managing the applications and problems related to the exchange activities designed and carried out by the member states.

8. FIEP Commissions:

Four main activity areas have been determined within FIEP with a view to diversifying and enriching the current relations among the gendarmerie organizations of the member states and a commission has been formed for these areas. The commissions and their fields of operation are as follows:

- a. Human Resources Commission,
- b. Service Organization Commission,
- c. New Technologies and Logistics Commission,
- d. European Affairs Commission.

a. Human Resources Commission:

(1) Human Resources Commission carries out the duties such as;

(a) To organize annual meetings and seminars on personnel recruitment, education and training.

(b) To share statistical data (selection criteria, qualifications for candidates etc.) in personnel recruitment policies and to update the relevant regulations.

(c) To update the FIEP catalogue for the coming year,

(d) To compare the methods and programs used by the training institutes on various levels and to ensure sharing common personnel training documents.

(2) Human Resources Commission is responsible for developing the issues below;

(a) To strengthen the contacts among the experts in the necessary fields (scientific and criminal justice, environmental protection, public law enforcement, maintenance of public order, control of public conflicts and riots, democratical interfere in public conflicts, cyber-crime and web monitoring, special interfere, coast guard, mountain search&rescue, dog training activities, and all other relevant activities),

(b) To ensure strengthening contacts between representatives and instructors of schools and twinning of education institutions.

(c) To ensure that forces of gendarmerie and Gendarmerie with Military Status use deontology (science of wisdom) and abide the rules of human rights and wisdom values.

b. Service Organization Commission:

Service Organization Commission works specifically on those topics below;

(1) To share information and experience about laws, regulations, statutes, directives, and research techniques on the issues below

(a) To ensure cooperation among member states by means of visits by the competent authorities on scientific investigations, protection of environment and cultural assets, fight against drugs, organized crime organizations, terrorism and illegal migration and of organizing courses and meetings.

(b) Scientific investigations,

(c) Maintenance of public order and security,

(d) Protection of environment and artistic heritage.

(2) In addition to the fields and issues mentioned above to ensure sharing experiences on the fields of coast guard, subaqueous activities, disposal of explosive materials, fight against sabotage, border management and international peace keeping operations.

(3) To ensure improving cooperation in the field of public relations and professional ethics.

c. New Technologies and Logistics Commission:

The commission ensures improving cooperation among the member states on the following areas and ensures sharing of information among member states if required in the meetings and seminars:

(1) Protection and intervention equipment and technical tools related to criminal investigation and forensics.

(2) Hardware and software systems, internet and intranet options for operational and forensic purposes, advanced systems for processing pictures and data, system protection, computer science and other relevant features to fight against cyber-crime and other crimes.

(3) Telecommunication knowledge and communication technologies including intranet, radio and satellite capabilities,

(4) Transport means and other logistic issues,

(5) Other relevant issues.

ç. European Affairs Commission:

- (1) The law enforcement forces or gendarmeries, which are the members of FIEP but not European Union, may participate in the works of the Commission as observer members.
- (2) The duty of this Commission is to select the projects, which are proposed by at least two member states and provide common interest, and to submit them to the relevant institutions of European Union for approval.
- (3) The EU Representatives may be called to share experiences on the defined fields.

9. FIEP Presidency and Secretary Held up to now :

Number	Name of the Member Organization	Presidency Period
1.	Portuguese Guardia Nacional Republicana Command	October 1996-October 1997
2.	Spanish Guardia Civil Directorate	October 1997-October 1998
3.	Italian Carabinieri Corps Command	October 1998-October 1999
4.	General Directorate of French National Gendarmerie	October 1999-October 2000
5.	Turkish Gendarmerie General Command	October 2000-October 2001
6.	Royal Netherlands Marechausse Command	October 2001-October 2002
7.	Moroccan Royal Gendarmerie Command	October 2002-October 2003
8.	Portuguese Guardia Nacional Republicana Command	October 2003-October 2004
9.	Spanish Police and Guardia Civil Directorate	October 2004-October 2005
10.	Italian Carabinieri Corps Command	October 2005-October 2006
11.	General Directorate of French National Gendarmerie	October 2006-October 2007
12.	Romanian Gendarmerie General Inspectorate	October 2007-October 2008
13.	Turkish Gendarmerie General Command	October 2008-October 2009
14.	Royal Netherlands Marechausse Command	October 2009-October 2010
15.	Moroccan Royal Gendarmerie Command	October 2010-October 2011
16.	Portuguese Guardia Nacional Republicana Command	Ekim 2011-Ekim 2012
17.	Spanish Police and Guardia Civil Directorate	Ekim 2012-Ekim 2013
18.	Italian Carabinieri Corps Command	Ekim 2013-Ekim 2014

19.	General Directorate of French National Gendarmerie	Ekim 2014-Ekim 2015
20.	Romanian Gendarmerie General Inspectorate	Ekim 2015-Ekim 2016
21.	Jordan Gendarmerie General Directorate (Darak)	Ekim 2016-Ekim 2017
22.	Turkish Gendarmerie General Command	Ekim 2017-Ekim 2018

10. Activities carried out in the course of Presidency of the Turkish Gendarmerie General Command in 2008-2009:

The meetings and seminars organized in the scope of FIEP in the course of Presidency of the Gendarmerie General Command in 2008-2009 are as follows:

Name of the Meeting	Country in charge	Date	Subject
European Affairs Commission	The Netherlands	25-28 November 2008	The effect and approach of international cooperation of FIEP member states in the scope of Stabilization Program (ISEC)
Human Resources Commission	Spain	18-21 May 2009	Training for Gendarmerie Search and Rescue Team to be assigned in disasters.
New Technologies and Logistics Commission	Morocco	21-24 May 2009	The vehicles, tools, materials and communication systems used by the gendarmerie personnel in disasters.
Service Organization Commission	Portugal	16-19 March 2009	The role of the gendarmerie and their search and rescue activities in disasters.
Seminar	Turkey	07-08 June 2010	Fight against cyber crimes.
Summit Preparatory Meeting	Turkey	07-10 September 2009	Coordination of preparations for the 2009 FIEP Summit Meeting
General Commanders and Directors Summit Meeting	Turkey	12-15 October 2009	Signing of the 2009 FIEP Common Declaration

During the Presidency, FIEP logo was formed and FIEP Agreement was rearranged in order to meet the current requirements in addition to the activities mentioned above.