

**PROTOCOL  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO  
AND  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF MONTENEGRO  
ON THE FORMING OF JOINT PATROLS  
ALONG THE COMMON STATE BORDER**

On the basis of Article 13 of the Agreement on Police Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and Government of Montenegro, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Interior of Montenegro – Police Directorate (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”), have agreed as follows:

**Article 1  
Subject matter of the Protocol**

This Protocol shall regulate establishment and undertaking of joint patrols along the common state border, enhance the cooperation between the Contracting Parties in fight against all forms of trans-border crime, as well as establish more effective system of state border control and surveillance.

**Article 2  
Area of Operation**

Joint patrols shall operate inline along the common state border as far as of 20 kilometres from the border line within the state inland territory of the Contracting Parties.

Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of this article, joint patrols may also be formed outside the area of operation due to the terrain configuration or effective performance of urgent and immediate measures initiated within the area of operation.

**Article 3  
Tasks of the Joint Patrols**

Joint patrols shall have the following tasks:

1. Common state border surveillance and maintaining of stable security situation;
2. Prevention and detection of crimes, offences and state border violations, as well as the identification and deprivation of the perpetrators;
3. Exchange of information, experiences and knowledge related to a security situation on the common state border.

**Article 4  
Competent Authorities for Implementation of the Protocol**

Competent authorities for the implementation of this Protocol (hereafter referred to as the “Competent Authorities”) shall be:

(1) For the Republic of Kosovo:

- a) Ministry of the Internal affairs – Kosovo Police, Border Police Department - at the national level;
- b) Border Police Regional Directorate „West”, Gjakova - at the regional level and
- c) Border Police Platoons – Vitomirica – at the local level.

(2) For Montenegro:

Ministry of the Interior – Police Directorate, Border Police Department- at the national level;

- b) Border Security Station in Berane – at the regional level and
- c) Border Police Branch Office in Rozaje and Plave – at the local level.

The competent authorities will inform each other without delay on all of the changes related to their internal organization and competencies, relevant for the implementation of this Protocol.

### **Tasks of the Competent Authorities**

The competent authorities at the national level shall:

- 1. give consent to the plan for forming joint patrols, which will be prepared by the competent bodies at regional level;
- 2. give consent to the inclusion of other state authorities in performing the joint patrols;
- 3. determine the beginning and end of the performing of the joint patrols along the common state border;
- 4. synchronise the performing of the joint patrols on the area of several competent authorities at regional level, if necessary,
- 5. adopt a programme for the professional development of the police officers participating in the joint patrols and
- 6. perform supervision and guide actions over the performing of the joint patrols, jointly or independently.

The competent bodies at the regional level shall:

1. jointly adopt a plan on performing of the joint patrols for the area under their territorial competence;
2. give consent to the plan of performing the joint patrols prepared by the competent authorities at the local level,
3. perform supervision and guide actions over the performing of the joint patrols, jointly or independently.

The competent bodies at the local level shall:

- a) jointly adopt a plan on performing joint patrols for the area under their territorial competence,
- b) synchronise and perform the activities of the joint patrols.

#### **Article 6 Manner of Operation**

Joint patrolling may be done on foot or by using all kind of police transportation means provided by the Contracting Party local level competent authority on which territory the joint patrol is performed.

As a rule, the joint patrol shall be composed of at least two police officers from the host country, and the one from the other Contracting Party.

Service dogs and horses may be used during a joint patrol.

A joint patrol leader shall be a police officer from the local level competent authority on which territory the joint patrol is performed, tasked to manage the patrol, responsible for professional and effective performance and reporting.

#### **Article 7 Assigning of the Joint Patrols**

Joint patrols shall be assigned by the means of a duty order of the Contracting Party local competent authority on which territory the patrolling takes place. The duty order shall be filled in a special form, which is an integral part of this Protocol.

The duty order which is handed over to a police officer of the other Contracting Party shall be made in the official languages of the Contracting Parties, wherein the host country language is firstly stated.

Space or time related to the derogation of the duty order may be exclusively taken by the patrol leader, notifying the Contracting Party local competent authority.

At the end of the patrolling, the report shall be written by the joint patrol specifying undertaken tasks which shall be done by filling the form referred in paragraph 1 of this article.

Following the formation of the joint patrol, a copy of the duty order along with the filled report shall be delivered to the police officer of the other Contracting Party.

**Article 8**  
**Deployment of the joint patrols**

A police officer, participating in a joint patrol in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be deployed in compliance with his/her national legislation.

As a rule, daily deployment of the joint patrols shall be done by the superior of the Contracting Party local competent authority on which territory the patrolling is taking place.

As a rule, crossing of the state border at the time of joint patrolling work to the territory of other Contracting Party shall be done through officially allocated border crossing point, when the border crossing point is opened.

**Article 9**  
**Communication Means**

A police officer taking part in the joint patrol on the territory of other Contracting Party, may use his/her service communication tools to communicate with his/her own police unit, as well as the communications systems of the police officers of the other Contracting Party.

**Article 10**  
**Uniform, Equipment and Weapons**

When conducting joint patrols, police officers shall wear uniforms, personal service short weapons and required equipment in compliance with his/her national legislation.

Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of this Article, if required for a concrete operational needs, patrolling may be agreed by superiors of the Contracting Parties competent bodies to be performed also in plain clothes.

**Article 11**  
**Operation**

The Joint patrols police officers shall act within their competences regulated by the Contracting Parties national legislation, while the procedure is taken over by the competent local authority of the Contracting Party on which territory the patrolling takes place.

Handover and taking over of persons, items and evidence shall be done in accordance with the national legislation of the Contracting Party in which territory the joint patrol takes place.

The regarding police actions during the joint patrols shall be addressed by the Contracting Party on which territory the patrolling has taken place. Every patrol member shall make a report regarding the complaint procedure, and the other Contracting Party shall be informed on the complaint and findings.

**Article 12**  
**Training**

The patrols shall be trained professionally by the Contracting Parties competent authorities prior to deployment in joint patrols, in line with common training curriculum.