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Respected Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is especial honour and satisfaction to address this academic and highly-esteemed auditorium of researchers and practitioners on my personal behalf and on

behalf of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Macedonia. I hope that you will remember your stay in the Republic of Macedonia by the successfully done work, but also by the beauties of Ohrid, the city – bridge of European art, between Byzantium and the Renaissance, as the art historian, ser Herbert Red called it.

Within the last few decades, the information technology generates significant changes in almost all aspects of peoples lives. The so called information revolution caused qualitative progress in life, in a way in which one cannot even imagine a civilization without proper information support. On the other hand, this explosive development entailed negative occurrences. The increasing use of computers and the advancement of computer technology, indeed facilitated and raised the speed of communication between different parts of the world, but parallel to this, it set the basis for the occurrence of new forms of crime, in the same time, changing the commissioning of classic criminal acts.

The police throughout Europe faces big challenges: new types of crime, open borders, new technologies, terrorism threats, legal changes, and reduction of financial resources. With such changes, police services are forced to change themselves. Some police organizations change their administrative structure, connect different departments, restructure the organizational processes, introduce new management tools, implement sophisticated information-technology systems, and so on. Unfortunately, some of these projects not only fail to improve the work of the police, but often cause frustration and skepticism in the police officers and burden their work even more.

COMPOSITE came at the right time. As a project covered with the basic financial instrument of the European Commission for support of research and technological development - The Seventh Framework Program, the project “Comparative police studies” is focused on organizational structures, identities and culture, the style of management and organizational processes, aiming at establishing principal factors that cause changes, and further on, the internal capacities managing those changes.

Final beneficiary in the Republic of Macedonia, as we all know is the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Macedonia via the Faculty of Security – Skopje within the University of “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

The role of our Ministry in this project is to enable access to police officers from all levels for the needs of interviewing, access to strategic documents (police strategy, work reports), access to information in the field of finance, accessibility to statistical data from policing, as well as information on career development. Being part of the project, the Ministry of Interior places its interest on the use of strategic and comparative analyses, unique goals, gained experience and knowledge to result as a final result from its implementation.

In 2011 there were several activities conducted within the frames of COMPOSIT:

- a great number of interviews were conducted with relevant examinees for the topics covered in the Work Package 1.2. and Work Package 3,
- Interview generated data were processed and final results delivered to the carriers of specific work package,
- Intensive communication was achieved with carriers of the work packages in light of more successful preparation of reports the publication of which is to follow shortly
- The report within Work Package 1.2. under the title „Policing Opportunities and Treats“ was distributed to relevant parties/institutions
- The Report within Work Package 4 under the title “ICT Trends in the European Policing“ to relevant parties/institutions „
- The project was presented to several international events.

Respected all,

After Berlin, Lion, Barcelona and Rotherdam in 2011, this year we meet each other in Ohrid to present the results achieved from the implementation of the COMPOSITE Project .

COMPOSITE is an excellent integration, a connection of research work and practice, of words on paper and their enforcement in practices. The close cooperation among the police officers and the research workers is encouraged including police partners, by all means, experts' strategic board and end users' board composed of representatives of the police from each country. It is not merely an academic research project , but oriented towards practical results/outcomes, concrete improvements in planning, organization and implementation processes of changes/modifications in the European police structures. Having all this in regard, besides the academic research, this project 's activities include dissemination of

results, capacity building by the means of trainings and consultation services aimed at out-reaching the relevant police structures, and the wider public , as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the complete support of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Macedonia for this project and its implementation, taking into account the advantages and the specific results that shall be generated from it.

At the end, I would like to wish you successful work and pleasant stay in the Republic of Macedonia.

Thank you.