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Press Release

The Ombudsman to the Steering Committee of the Independent Police Complaints Authorities Network (IPCAN)

The Ombudsman, Andreas Pottakis, participated on 13.4.2021 in the first meeting of the new governing body of the Independent Police Complaints Authorities Network (Independent Police Complaints Authorities Network, IPCAN, www.ipcan.org).

In addition to the Greek Ombudsman, Mr. Pottakis, the Steering Committee of the Network includes representatives of counterpart institutions from France, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Finland and Serbia.

This web meeting discussed, among other things, the impact of measures against covid-19 on the amendment of legislation on policing demonstrations in many European countries and the need to substantially strengthen the independence of regulatory authorities with a budget commensurate with their scope and the possibility of staff selection in accordance with the Venice principles of the Council of Europe.

The Steering Committee elaborated the strategic planning of the Network for the near future. Among its immediate priorities were the procedures and necessary guarantees for the receipt, use and retention of video footage by the security forces, with analysis and evaluation of the existing frameworks in the 22 European countries represented in the IPCAN.

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