

A joint Opening Conference of the Predefined PDP 1 and PDP2 projects took place on 18 October 2021 in the representative premises of the Spiritka Hotel.

The projects are implemented under the Home Affairs Program, Program Area 20, i.e. International Police Cooperation and the Fight against Crime, which are funded by the Norway Grants in 2014-2021. The final beneficiary of these projects is the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic, specifically the Police Education and Service Training Department.

The conference, which had to be postponed twice due to the coronavirus pandemic, was attended by guests who are significantly involved in the implementation of both projects.

In the introduction, the director of both projects, Col. JUDr. David Fulka, MBA, explained their very close interconnection and highlighted the high contribution to the Police of the Czech Republic.

The importance of the whole event was underlined by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway Robert Kvile, who emphasized the need to improve international cooperation in the fight against organized crime and cross-border crime.

Among other important guests, the ceremonial meeting was also attended by representatives of the Office of Financial Mechanisms in Brussels PhDr. Marie Kaufmann and Mgr. Šimon Krbec, Director of the Department of Financial Mechanisms and Structural Funds of the Ministry of the Interior RNDr. Ivo Ryšlavý, Deputy Police President for Economics Col. Ing. Michal Keřka, Deputy Director of Logistics Support Administration Ing. Milan Grohmann, representatives of the Ministry of Finance and many others.

The PDP 1 project entitled "Increasing police competence in preventing and combating crime, strengthening communication skills with the public and awareness of human rights", especially its individual activities, was presented by Col. Mgr. Karel Agh, who as a project manager was at the beginning of the preparation and start of the project implementation.

Project manager of the PDP 2 project Col. Mgr. Radek Simon together with Ing. Miroslav Velehradský, managing director of the company that architecturally prepared the revitalization of the former barracks building in Kutná Hora, introduced the invited guests to the PDP 2 project "Modernization of the Police Training Center".

The Deputy Police President emphasized the importance of co-financing through EEA and Norway Grants in the implementation of economically demanding investment projects. Together with the director of the Police Education and Service Training Department, Col. JUDr. David Fulka, through the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway, he thanked the EEA member states - Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein for the financial support without which these projects would not have been possible.

At the end of the conference, the project director expressed his belief that both projects will be implemented on time and in the required quality. He sincerely thanked the guests present for the work done so far.