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Over 4.000 police officers take to the streets of Bucharest in a historical moment First ever large scale manifestation of police officers in Romania supported by EuroCOP

Over 4.000 police officers today gathered for a protest meeting in the centre of Bucharest, Romania. Organised by EuroCOP Member Organisation SNPPC Romania this was the first ever large scale demonstration by police officers in Romania.

SNPPC members were supported by a delegation from the European Confederation of Police, headed by EuroCOP Vice President Jan Schonkeren. The EuroCOP delegation was composed of representatives from EuroCOP Member Organisations from Belgium (SNPS and SLFP Police), Bulgaria (NPS), Scotland (SPF), Spain (SUP) and Slovakia (OZP).

'We are here to remind the Romanian government of its duty to see to the welfare of police officers', Jan Schonkeren said in his address to participants in the event.

The protest is directed against the government's failure to provide a life insurance for police officers that can cover them and their families in case they are injured or killed on duty. The police union also calls for a clear regulation of social dialogue in the police which is not in place and leaves union representatives with a lot of uncertainties about their situation.

In parallel EuroCOP member organisations have delivered protest letters to embassies of Romania in Brussels and Lisbon.

The European Confederation of Police, EuroCOP, is the umbrella organisation of 33 national Police Unions and Staff Organisations from 26 European States. It represents the interests of over 500.000 police officers in Europe. www.eurocop-police.org