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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Meeting of the Working Group on Information Exchange and Data Protection
(DAPIX - VRD)

on : 10 December 2012

Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5449/12 with the addition under AOB of an information point on the work programme of the incoming Presidency.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair congratulated SE and LT for the Council Decision of 25 October and 13 November respectively on the launch of automated exchange of VRD.

3. Implementation of the EUCARIS / Prüm functionalities

3.1 State of play in the Member States

Delegations took note of the state of play as set out in doc. 5086/8/12 REV 8 JAI 5 DAPIX 3 ENFOPOL 5 CRIMORG 3.

3.2 Estimated time schedule for non operational MS to finish the implementation

The meeting took note of doc. DS 1007/7/12 REV 7 and updated the VRD evaluation schedule with regard to 2013. Delegations were reminded that the implementation of the CBE Directive to be done by 7 November 2013 was contingent upon the implementation of the EUCARIS / Prüm functionalities.

3.3 List of VRD experts participating in evaluation visits

With a view to organising the high number of evaluations to be expected for 2013, delegations were called upon by the Presidency to enlarge the circle of VRD experts participating in evaluation visits (see doc. DS 1012/2/12 REV 2). The lead expert requested experts to indicate in the table their IT or functional status (Ministry of Transport, Ministry of the Interior).

3.4 List of NCPs for VRD exchange

Delegations were invited to complete the list of NCPs as set out in doc. DS 1009/6/12 REV 6.

4. Implementation of Directive 2011/82/EU facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences ("CBE" Directive)

- Approval of specifications

The EUCARIS delegate explained the suggested XML message specifications for cross-border VRD exchange with special regard to multiple and single case requests (see doc. 17237/12 DAPIX 156). Subsequently, the meeting discussed specifications as set out in 17236/1/11 DAPIX 148 CRIMORG 209 ENFOPOL 405 TRANS 322).

The HU delegation entered scrutiny reservations and asked the CLS on its position whether suggesting a specific and mandatory VRD language code not provided for by the CBE Directive would go beyond the scope of the CBE Directive and whether such a specification could bind MS when technically implementing the CBE.

As to the issue of statistical reports, it was explained that the secretary in question, in the current case EUCARIS, would support MS in drawing up statistical reports which would be sent by the MS themselves to the Commission to comply with their reporting obligations on CBE VRD exchange.

As to the suggested operation and support of the EUCARIS system, the HU delegation asked the CLS on its opinion on the legal status of the suggested mandatory "procedure of acceptance of new Member States". The EUCARIS secretary promised to further develop this specification. Delegations were invited to submit further comments on the specifications by 15 January at the latest (dapix@consilium.europa.eu with copy to HGrooters@rdw.nl) with a view to enabling DAPIX at its meeting of 31 January 2013 to approve the specifications.

5. Feasibility study on RVNP - Progress report from EUCARIS

The meeting was briefed by the on the state of play of the feasibility study for a Registration of Vehicle Number Plates (RVNP) system. The EUCARIS delegate asked MS to more actively contribute to the study and reply to the specific questionnaire to which only eight MS had replied so far. Furthermore, he asked MS to concede EUCARIS three more months to proceed with the study.

6. Expert platform for VRD Exchange

The BE delegate suggested to establish an internet based platform for VRD experts similar to the Europol platform for experts (EPE) (doc. 16658/12 DAPIX 147). It appeared that further discussions were necessary as to whether such a platform should be made available by EUCARIS or Europol.

7. Any other business

The incoming Presidency outlined its work programme and presented the team. A VRD meeting was foreseen for 28 February 2013.
