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**OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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of : Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE / Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)  
on : 16 January 2013  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1035/1/13 REV 1, with the addition of some items under Any other business (see item 13 below).

**2. Report by the Presidency**

The Presidency reported on relevant subjects discussed at the meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH) on 10 January 2013.

The Presidency also reported on the SIS II comprehensive tests and the ongoing preparation of the SIRENE Functional Tests rerun, scheduled to start on 28 January 2013. The Presidency also mentioned the adoption by the Council, of Council Regulation (EU) No 1272/2012 and Council Regulation (EU) No 1273/2012, both of 20 December 2012, on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (recast) (see OJ L 359, of 29 December 2012, p. 21 and p. 32)

### **3. Financial Aspects**

#### **a) Technical assistance for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012 – Forecasts for January 2013**

The Working Party adopted 5183/13 SIS-TECH 10 COMIX 14 and the forecast for January 2013, in the total amount of 48 748,96€, which will be charged to the C.SIS Budget.

**b)** The Working Party took note of the French delegation's presentation of the draft budget estimate for C.SIS installation and operations in 2013. Adoption of the budget will take place at the forthcoming meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE), on 15 February 2013 (see 5344/13 SIRIS 5 COMIX 27).

### **4. SIS II**

#### **State of play**

The Working Party received a brief update from the Commission on the progress of the SIS II project, in particular the scheduled entry into force of SIS II in the first quarter of 2013, the Comprehensive Tests and the SIRENE Functional Tests, and the work that is being carried out on the SIRENE Manual.

### **5. SIRENE Functional Test reruns**

The Presidency presented 5050/13 SIRIS 1 COMIX 3, which included two types of test matrix for the rerun of the SIRENE Functional Tests. The first matrix contemplates the test re-runs with BG, CZ and SE. The second version includes the same three Member States with the addition of FI, in the event that FI is ready to commence the test by that date.

The Presidency also presented a brief oral report on the state of play of the preparations for the upcoming rerun of the SIRENE functional tests, scheduled to start on 28 January 2013.

### **6. Data Mapping & Cleansing**

The Presidency informed the Working Party of the decision taken in the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH) to remove expired records from the reviews presented regularly by C.SIS concerning data mapping and cleansing, in order to reflect accurately the work carried out by Member States in this regard. (see 5246/13 SIS-TECH 13 COMIX 20)

## **7. Collection of statistics for 2012**

The GSC invited delegations to send in their annual statistical data by 1 March 2013, in accordance with the methodology set out in 17436/10 SIRIS 178 COMIX 811.

## **8. DEBS**

The Presidency presented 5216/13 SIRIS 2 SIS-TECH 11 COMIX 17, an updated version of the DEBS (Data Exchange Between SIRENE Bureaux) and 5217/13 SIRIS 3 SIS-TECH 12 COMIX 18.

Due to the late distribution of the DEBS, as set out in 5216/13 SIRIS 2 SIS-TECH 11 COMIX 17, the Working Party agreed to consider it endorsed, if no written objections were sent in by 21 January 2013.

## **9. SIRENE Training**

a) The Presidency presented to the Working Party information concerning the 2013 training programme to be provided by CEPOL, focusing on the financial support to be awarded to DE and LV to implement one basic and one advanced course each; the ongoing work on setting the dates for training courses involving the "IT Agency"; and the distribution of training manuals to the delegations in the Working Party.

b) DK presented 16096/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 98 COMIX 639 REV 1, concerning the amendment of the Catalogue of recommendations for the correct application of the Schengen acquis and best practices (Schengen Information System). Following an exchange of views within the Working Party, some clarifications will be made in the document. A REV 2 will be issued and the agreement by the Working Party will take place in the near future.

## **10. Better use of SIS and SIRENE for the protection of children. Unaccompanied minors**

IT presented a summary of the work that is being carried out on this initiative. The issue will be further analysed and conclusions will be presented by IT at a future meeting of the Working Party.

**11. Project Good F.A.I.T.H.**

IT gave an overview of the ongoing work carried out on this project. Given the need to draw conclusions and establish a set of proposals to amend or complement the SIRENE Manual and/or Catalogue of recommendations for the correct application of the Schengen acquis and best practices (Schengen Information System), as appropriate, the Presidency set a new deadline for comments from delegations, 1 February 2013.

**12. Third-country nationals: lists of alerts**

The Presidency presented the state of play of the work being carried out and the next steps in regard to this initiative, namely, the presentation of conclusions by LT on the forthcoming meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE), on 15 February 2013.

**13. Any other business**

a) The Presidency presented to the Working Party DS 1009/13 concerning the certification of CERTES boxes; COM also provided delegates with information concerning the deployment of the encryption boxes.

b) The Presidency informed the Working Party of its intention to carry out an exercise to map out the SIRENE switchover tasks and fallback procedures and measures within each Member States during the upcoming SIS II migration process.

c) Following a request from BE, COM provided the Working Party with some clarifications concerning the use of s-Testa to exchange information on Articles 39 and 46 of the CISA.

**14. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared in the Mixed Committee**

The Mixed Committee was informed of the decisions taken by the Working Party.

Agenda item	Documents adopted
3 a)	5183/13 SIS-TECH 10 COMIX 14