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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Law Enforcement Working Party (including Mixed Committee EU/Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)
on:	18 June 2013
Subject:	Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in CM 3140/13, with the addition of a presentation of the FP7 project ISITEP (Inter System Interoperability for Tetra-TetraPol Networks) by the BE delegation under AOB.

2. Liaison Officers: report on conference 25 April 2013

The meeting took note of the results of the ENU liaison officers meeting at Europol on 25 April 2013, as set out in doc. 10849/13.

The General Secretariat of the Council informed delegations that the annual request for updating the Compendium of liaison officers would soon be sent setting 31 July as deadline for contributions. A new version of the Compendium would then be issued in September.

3. Report radio communication experts

The Chairman of the Forerunner Group and member of the Radio Communications Expert Group (RCEG) presented the current state of play of the activities in the Forerunner Group and the ISI Group as well as the results of the RCEG meeting held in Dublin on 11 April 2013, as set out in doc. 10783/13. He drew delegations' attention to the latest discussions on the frequency issue and the letter which was sent by the RCEG Presidency to the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) underlining the need for dedicated harmonised spectrum as "spectrum saves lives". He also stated that the incoming LT Presidency would have agreed to organise a meeting of the RCEG in the next semester.

The DE delegation expressed its strong support for the activities of the RCEG and welcomed the organisation of a RCEG meeting under LT Presidency.

4. Any other business

The BE delegation presented the FP7 ISITEP project which aims at developing pre-prototypes of roaming interfaces between all existing Tetra and Tetrapol networks and an operational framework standard. The project would run over 36 months and start in September 2013. Delegations were invited to provide contact points by 6 September 2013.

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2. **Information from the Presidency**

CARPOL

The Presidency informed delegations that no report was produced of the CARPOL meeting in April 2013 where no discussions were held regarding CARPOL's structure, logo and long lasting agenda. The next meeting would take place on 24 June and a report is expected for the next LEWP meeting.

VIS

The Presidency briefly informed delegations that the implementation date of the draft Council Decision fixing the date when access for law enforcement authorities to the Visa Information System (VIS) should take effect pursuant to Decision 2008/633/JHA, would probably be 1 September 2013.

LEWP meeting 20 June 2013

The Presidency informed delegations that the next LEWP meeting would take place on 20 June. Discussions at this meeting would entirely focus on the Commission proposal for a Regulation on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA.

3. Europol Annual report

The meeting took note of the general report on Europol's activities in 2012, as set out in doc. 10182/13, which would be submitted for endorsement to the Council and for information to the European Parliament.

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4. Report on the activities of the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)

The Presidency reported on the activities of the EUCPN network. Under the theme "Collaboration in crime prevention", which is the overarching theme of the IE, LT and EL trio Presidency, Ireland focused on "youth offending" and "internet crime" at two network meetings on 25/26 March and 20/21 May respectively. The main outcomes were the setting up of an action plan to respond to the Commission evaluation on the functioning of EUCPN, enhancing the cooperation with the informal network on the Administrative Approach, and developing a Manual with practical guidance for evaluating local crime prevention projects, expected to be completed by the autumn and an agreement on funding applications.

5. Update on the Administrative Approach to Organised Crime (THB)

The Presidency reported on the outcome of the fourth meeting of the informal Network of contact points on the administrative approach to prevent and fight organised crime which was held on 23 May 2013 in Brussels. The meeting was dedicated to trafficking in human beings. The Presidency specifically referred to a Presidency questionnaire to the national contact points which allowed the identification of a number of common challenges. The meeting also discussed the update of the handbook on complementary approaches to prevent and combat organised crime (doc. 10899/11) which would be finalised around November in view of a COSI meeting. Links would also be developed between the EUCPN and the Network.

6. Planning and steering of the activities of experts groups and networks related to LEWP

The meeting agreed to the guidelines for the planning, monitoring and reporting of the 18 expert groups and networks related to the LEWP, as set out in doc. 9407/1/13 REV 1. Various delegations pointed out that the "real" work would now start with the implementation of these guidelines.

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7. Report ENPPF

The meeting took note of the results of the meeting of the European Network for the protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) as presented by the CY delegation (doc. 10822/13). The next ENPPF meeting would be held in Brussels on 11 October 2013 and would discuss "bringing firearms on flights" and "threats over the Internet".

The meeting approved the revised Handbook of the ENPPF as set out in doc. 10478/13 (RESTREINT UE). Delegations were invited to complete their national fact sheets which would be compiled in the addendum to the Handbook.

8. Report CULTNET

The meeting took note of the results of the first meeting of the CULTNET group which were presented by the CY delegation (doc. 10949/13). At this meeting delegations discussed the role and future functioning of the network and the problems in obtaining funding under the ISEC programme. It was agreed to draft an action plan and work programme which would be presented to a future LEWP meeting. Delegations were invited to appoint a contact point by the end of June 2013 and to inform the GSC thereof.

9. Report TISPOL

TISPOL Director informed delegations about the TISPOL Strategy 2011-2015 and the 2012 TISPOL Action Plan. In general TISPOL became more diversified as it would not only cover road safety but also road policing. Some of the main TISPOL achievements were highlighted i.a. a TISPOL officer exchange, the organisation of 9 Pan European Road Policing Enforcement operations in 2012, the Multi Agency Control operations and the pilot European cross border bus enforcement operation which was carried out on 29 - 31 May 2012. Specific reference was made to the cooperation with the LEWP, in particular with regard to reporting and funding. TISPOL would welcome the LEWP support for obtaining funding. TISPOL would also be willing to regularly report to the LEWP. The TISPOL Action Plan 2014 which is currently being elaborated, could be presented to the LEWP in the autumn.

Delegations that took the floor welcomed a future TISPOL reporting to the LEWP and expressed their support for the more multi-disciplinary approach of the TISPOL activities.

10. Presentation of priorities of the incoming Lithuanian Presidency

The incoming LT Presidency presented the main priorities of its work programme. The LEWP agenda's will be mainly focused on the draft Regulation on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA and on continuing the discussions on other ongoing issues. The provisional meeting dates would be: 11 July, 4-5 September, 9-10 October, 19-20 November and 12-13 December (tbc). Various meetings of the LEWP experts groups and networks would be organised.

11. Any other business

No items were raised.

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