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**SIRIS 68
COMIX 455**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of :	Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE / Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
on :	18 July 2012
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 3729/1/12 REV 1, with the addition of item 3(f) - Action plan for the connection of the SIS II Converter to SISNET, and some Other Business items (see item 16 below).

2. Report by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on relevant subjects discussed at meetings of other configurations of the Working Party for Schengen Matters: "SIS-TECH" on 11 July 2012 and "SCHEVAL" on 12 July 2012.

The Presidency also reported the general agreement achieved at the JHA Counsellors meeting, on 16 July, on the SIS II Migration Instruments, as well as the confirmation of the results of Milestone 2, which would take place at the COREPER meeting on 19 July.

3. Financial Aspects

(a) C.SIS 1+ Project Status Report 127

The Working Party adopted 10125/12 SIS-TECH 54 COMIX 316.

(b) C.SIS 1+ Project Status Report 128

The Working Party adopted 12423/12 SIS-TECH 68 COMIX 436.

(c) Report on the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 relating to SISNET

The WP took note of the report on the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 relating to SISNET as set out in 12224/12 SIRIS 59 ENFOPOL 221 EUROJUST 61 COMIX 429.

(d) SISNET Contract: Move of LU2 to a new location

The Working Party adopted 12620/12 SIS-TECH 71 SIRIS 63 COMIX 443.

(e) SISNET Contract with OBS: Penalties for network installation delay

The Working Party took note of 12679/12 SIRIS 65 COMIX 449, and agreed with the proposed way forward.

(f) Action plan for the connection of the SIS II converter to the SISNET

The Working Party was informed of the budgetary expenses in Annex 4 of 12705/12 SIS-TECH 72 SIRIS 67 COMIX 453 and proposed to approve the document in silent procedure, ending by 20 July, under the condition of an agreement by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH), also in written procedure.

4. SIS II

State of play

The working party received a brief update from the Commission on the progress of the SIS II project, addressing, in particular, the state of play regarding completion by the Member States of the Comprehensive Tests and Compliance Tests Extended, as well as the migration preparations.

5. Detailed evolution of the SIS database according to data mapping and cleansing activities

The Working Party took note of 8770/2/12 REV 2 SIS-TECH 39 SIRIS 39 COMIX 239.

6. SIRENE Functional Tests – state of play

(a) SIRENE Functional Tests

The Working Party took note of a presentation made by SI on the SIRENE Functional Tests and the update of 11998/12 SIRIS 57 COMIX 416.

The presentation provided information about the connectivity tests, which will run from 17 September 2012 until 2 October 2012, and the functional tests, scheduled to run from 3 October 2012 to 21 December 2012.

Member States were requested to nominate the person in charge, at national level, of the Functional Tests. Delegations were invited to provide this information to the General Secretariat of the Council (sis.sirene@consilium.europa.eu), which would establish an updated Contact List.

A webinar on SIRENE Functional Tests, prepared by CEPOL, was announced to take place on 4 September 2012.

Taking into account interventions by some delegations, the Presidency appealed the Commission to clarify the issue of possible payments of costs resulting from the work of the Coordination Team during weekends.

(b) SIRENE Migration

The Presidency considered that there was broad support from the Member States for moving this issue forward and setting up the SIRENE Task Force, which will hold its first meeting in 14 September 2012. The Presidency appealed to the Member States to volunteer to participate in the Task Force.

7. Article 100 CISA alerts on documents

The CZ delegation presented DS 1528/1/12 REV 1 with the results of the questionnaire on alerts on documents, pursuant to Article 100 CISA. Member States were invited to pronounce their agreement to the consolidation of the replies as SIRENE Fact Sheet n. 17, by 30 August 2012.

8. DEBS (Data Exchange Between SIRENE)

The Presidency presented 12461/12 SIRIS 60 COMIX 437.

After some discussion, the Working Party agreed that the maintenance of the DEBS document for SIS II should henceforth be carried out by the SISVIS Committee. Taking into consideration the outcome of the debates, a REV 1 of 12461/12 SIRIS 60 COMIX 437 will be issued.

Taking on board several modifications suggested by AT, a revised version of the DEBS document (as set out in 8313/2/12 REV 2 SIS-TECH 34 SIRIS 16 COMIX 203) would be approved by written procedure (see CM 4047/12 JAI SIRIS SIS-TECH COMIX PROCED). The deadline for the written procedure was established for 31 July 2012.

Delegations were required to coordinate internally as necessary with their SIS-TECH delegates.

9. Third-country nationals lists of alerts

LT presented 9352/12 SIRIS 28 PESC 534 RELEX 386 JAI 296 COMIX 279 RESTREINT UE on the improvement of data on third-country nationals subject to EU level restrictions on admission or entry refusal on the territory of the Member States, as well as the annexed questionnaire. Replies should be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council by 31 October 2012.

10. Possible ways of reducing the workload at SIRENE Bureaux

The Presidency invited Member States to present their proposals on the best way to reduce the workload at SIRENE Bureaux by next meeting of the Working Party, on 13 September 2012.

11. Provision of SIS and SIRENE statistics to the Council

The Presidency presented 11970/12 SIRIS 56 COMIX 415. The Working Party took note of the findings. A REV 1 would be issued for higher diffusion, in line with paragraph 2 of the Council Conclusions on the development of the SIRENE Bureaux in the framework of the SIS (8107/09 JAI 182 SIRIS 50 COMIX 264), of 26 March 2009.

12. Training issues

The Presidency reminded Member States of the information requests, sent by email on 12 July 2012, concerning the update of the Pool of Trainers and the List of Contacts Points for SIRENE training, set out in doc. 7498/3/09, and the possibility of hosting seminars in 2013.

The DE delegation informed the Working Party that the SIRENE Trainers Manual was ready and would be available in September 2012.

13. Heads of SIRENE Meeting in Cyprus - information from the Presidency

The Presidency gave some information on the Heads of SIRENE meeting, to be held in Limassol from 10 to 12 October 2012. Registration should be made from 12 August 2012 until 27 September 2012.

14. Any other business

The CZ delegation presented 12651/12 with the conclusions of the SIRENE and FAST joint conference in Prague in May and other activities in the area of searches for wanted persons in 2012.

15. 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 outcome of the Working Party.

Agenda item	Documents adopted
3 a)	10125/12 SIS-TECH 54 COMIX 316
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