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**NOTE**

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From:	Belgian delegation
To:	Working Party on Data Protection and Information Exchange (DAPIX)
Subject:	Expert platform for VRD exchange

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1. Three legal instruments (not counting bilateral conventions) with regard to VRD exchange have reached their final implementation stage: the Prüm Treaty, Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA (the so-called "Prüm Decisions") and Directive 2011/82/EU facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences (the so-called "CBE" Directive).

The successful implementation of this legislation has led to an intensified exchange of VRD information resulting in an increasing request for coordination among Member States when using the Eucaris software. Consequently, Member States applying the aforementioned legal instruments need to take stock of the situation in order to enhance mutual understanding and to adjust procedures as to

- the interpretation of certain results subsequent to information exchange;
- the national data protection regimes or the operational circumstances restricting the use of replies to VRD requests;
- the assessment and comparison of technical features and failures of the interconnected systems;
- the statistics of all kinds to provide valuable tools for the management of the applications.

2. All these data are often scattered and searches are necessary to collect them.

The Belgian delegation considers it useful to propose the creation of a platform that would gather in one single place:

- all existing lists ( available data per country, experts, types of vehicles concerned in each country, etc. )
- the available VRD provided for by each country;
- the bi/multilateral conventions in force;
- the details of the national competent authorities in data exchange matters and of the recipient authorities (with their contact points);
- information on the implementation status of the different legal instruments;
- statistics on the availability and exchange of VRD per category;
- minutes of meetings;
- etc.

Moreover, this application should also facilitate communication between experts in dealing with:

- interpretative problems (for issues linked to different concepts or definitions of key terms and coercive measures applied in Member States, measures to be taken, etc.) and
- technical problems.

The support of these functionalities could be provided by a module which is either to be integrated in the Eucaris applications, or be part of the Eucaris website or be integrated in another existing platform.

3. Delegations are invited to discuss the suggested internet expert platform at the DAPIX VRD meeting of 10 December.