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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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To: Law Enforcement Working Party  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Law Enforcement Working Party adopted the agenda as set out in CM 2352/1/17 REV 1.

### **2. Information by the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the delegations on the state of play concerning the adoption of the Council Implementing Decision approving the conclusion of the agreement between Europol and Denmark.

The Presidency also provided information on a Workshop on strengthening Schengen Police Cooperation in terms of the so-called Hot Pursuits, organised by the Commission on 27 March 2017. The aim of the workshop was to gather police professionals from Member States and associated countries, so as to identify strengths and weaknesses in the implementation of this tool and discuss possible ways forward.

A third piece of information concerned the draft final report of the High Level Expert Group on information systems and interoperability. This report was expected to be finalized by the Group at its last meeting on 25 April. Based on the outcome of discussions in the Group, the draft final report would contain a section focusing on the need to make law enforcement access to various EU databases, such as VIS, Eurodac, EES and ETIAS, simpler, more consistent and effective and with proper attention to operational needs.

### **3. Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)**

The first item under this point was a presentation by Interpol of its existing activities in the field of DVI. Interpol provided a comprehensive overview of its practices, using specific examples from recent past, such as the crash of the German Wings' aircraft, involving victims of many different nationalities.

Subsequently, delegations discussed the first draft of Council conclusions on setting up of an Informal Network of EU experts in the field of DVI (8222/17). In their reactions, many Member States pointed out that DVI under Interpol were giving satisfactory results and reiterated that any overlaps in that respect had to be avoided. More specifically, some Member States also criticised the proposal to link the new network to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, arguing that identification of victims should be a matter of law enforcement authorities). Further criticism was expressed with respect to a perceived lack of precision on funding of the network. The Presidency indicated that the wording at stake was deliberately chosen, so as to avoid ruling out possible sources of financing in the future.

On the basis of the above, the Presidency invited the Member States to submit written comments by 2 May 2017 and indicated that the Council Conclusions would be redrafted accordingly. The endorsement by the Working Party would then take place in a silent procedure before a submission to COREPER and Council at a later stage.

#### 4. Forensics and Law Enforcement

1. A representative of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) made a presentation on the implementation of Actions 1 and 2 of the Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of a European Forensic Science Area.
2. The Presidency, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and OLAF provided information on the implementation of the Action 4 under the above Action Plan. The relevant action is dedicated to cooperation between Law Enforcement and the Judiciary.
3. Based on 8225/17, the Presidency made a presentation on training opportunities for law enforcement: The exercise is based on information gathered from a questionnaire developed by the Maltese Presidency and its objective is to enable CEPOL to better meet the training needs of Member States and to develop efficient, targeted approach to training on a specialised, thematic level.
4. The Commission provided information on the so-called EVIDENCE Road Map, setting the way to a standardised treatment and exchange of electronic Evidence in Europe.

#### 5. Networks and Expert Groups related to LEWP

1. In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks<sup>1</sup>, the Working Party took note of the Annual report 2016 of the operational network @ON, as set out in 8226/17, following a presentation by a representative of @ON.
2. In line with the abovementioned Guidelines, a presentation by TISPOL (European Traffic Police Network) of its Work Programme 2017 and Annual Report 2016 was foreseen under this item of the agenda. Due to unexpected circumstances, the representative of TISPOL could not attend the meeting and the presentations have been postponed until the next LEWP meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 12915/2/15 REV 2

3. With respect to the Implementation of Action 4B of the Roadmap on Information Exchange and Information Management, the Presidency requested the LEWP to invite ENLETS to provide a compilation of best practices in relation to mobile solutions for practitioners, as stipulated in the implementation part of document 7483/17 (discussed by DAPIX on 4 April 2017). As ENLETS indicated its readiness to present such best practices in the near future, the Working Party agreed to invite the network to its next meeting in June 2017.

## 6. AOBs

No issues were raised under this point.

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