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From: Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) - Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Norway/Switzerland/Liechtenstein)

On: 17 May 2017

Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in CM 2540/17 was adopted with no new items added under AOB.

### 2. Report by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the relevant issues addressed at different meetings, including the following:

- The Working Party on Schengen Matters (Schengen Acquis) meetings of 8 February, 6/7 March, 3 May and 15/16 May, where the discussion of the SIS proposals is taking place. Good progress has been achieved and the first round of discussions has been completed on the three instruments of the package (proposals for regulations on the use of the SIS in the field of return, border checks and police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters).

The Presidency informed the Working Party of its intention to submit a consolidated version of a draft compromise of the Regulation on Police Cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters to the Working Party on Schengen Matters (Schengen Acquis) at its meeting on 19 June 2017.

- The joint meeting of the Terrorism Working Party and the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE), on 15 March, at which delegates discussed the way forward in relation to the implementation of the Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area<sup>1</sup>.

The Presidency also provided information concerning the Level 1 training course held in Latvia, and the Schengen evaluators training course which has been held in Lithuania, from 8 to 12 May 2017.

### 3. SIS SIRENE training needs 2018-2020

The Presidency presented 8805/17 SIRIS 74 COMIX 318 ENFOPOL 207, which gives an overview of the delegations' answers to the questionnaire on SIS and SIRENE training needs (5038/1/17 REV 1). The Presidency highlighted some of the main conclusions from the delegations replies, namely the need to have more regular training on extraditions and surrenders, SIS II AFIS, fingerprint handling, and the need to review the way training is set up within CEPOL in order to assess its relevance to the real training needs of the SIRENE community. The outcome of the questionnaire has been forwarded to CEPOL and eu-LISA.

In the exchange of views that followed, delegations raised some issues concerning the accessibility of the CEPOL online training modules and the exclusive use of English, asking for the available programs to be translated into all languages.

CEPOL considered that the conclusions from the questionnaire confirmed the importance of training on SIS. It also provided information to the Working Party about the national contact points and the available online training modules and reiterated that it would continue to work to improve the existing training programs, with the support of the Member States.

eu-LISA told the Working Party about training on SIS II AFIS, which would be held in September.

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<sup>1</sup> 9368/1/16 REV 1

#### **4. Enhance the use of SIS in the Fight against Terrorism – Article 36 Alerts**

The Presidency presented 7075/17 SIRIS 44 CT 17 DAPIX 75 COMIX 176 and reminded delegations of the work that is being carried out in the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Acquis) to amend the legal basis for SIS and, in particular, to broaden the scope of Article 36 to include a new type of alert: inquiry check.

The EL delegation asked for the correction of the last paragraph of the document and the deletion of the reference to EL. A COR would be issued.

#### **5. Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area**

##### **Action 17 – Create a joint understanding of when a person should be entered in the SIS regarding terrorism and terrorism related activity**

The Presidency presented 8806/17 SIRIS 75 COTER 33 COMIX 319. Delegations did not raise any objections to the set of indicative criteria for entering alerts in the SIS in relation to persons involved in acts of terrorism or terrorism-related activities. On this basis, the Presidency invited the Commission to update the Best Practices and Recommendations Catalogue in the field of SIS, subject to further discussions within the SIS/VIS Committee.

#### **6. Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions**

The Working Party received updated information regarding the functioning of the Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions.

#### **7. Information on the Heads of SIRENE meeting – Malta, 15-16 June 2017**

The WP took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

#### **8. Estonian Presidency presentation**

The WP took note of the information provided by EE.

**9. AOB**

CZ requested that delegations send information to update the SIRENE Address Book.

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

The GSC summarised the conclusions of the meeting.

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