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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 15 June 2017
To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Law Enforcement Working Party adopted the agenda as set out in CM 2909/17.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency informed the delegations that on 8 June 2017, the Council adopted its Conclusions on the creation of an informal network of experts competent in the field of Disaster Victim Identification¹. As a result, a request to designate their contact points for the network would be addressed to the Member States by the General secretariat of the Council².

The Presidency also informed the delegations that the Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between the Kingdom of Denmark and Europol has been signed on 29 April 2017 in Malta. In that same context, it was reminded that the new Europol Regulation³ has now entered into application and that on 1 May 2017 the Management Board of Europol had met in Malta.

¹ 1015917

² CM 3481/17, point 11

³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA

3. Implementation of the Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of a European Forensic Science Area (EFSA)

The Presidency provided an update on the progress in the implementation of two actions that it led under the EFSA Action Plan. The presentation concerned actions 4 and 6 of the Action plan, that is *Forensic awareness and training for law enforcement and justice communities* and *Stimulating exchange of forensic data via Prüm and improving its quality*. The progress in the implementation of those actions are set out in 10122/17.

4. Implementation of the Action Plan on the way forward with regard to financial investigations

Four action leaders, namely the Presidency, the Belgian delegation, CEPOL and Europol made presentations on progress achieved in the implementation of the Action Plan. A general overview of the respective advancements is set out in 10123/17, and specific detailed advice on Action 5 is set out in 10124/17 and 10125/17. The Netherlands indicated that its update on Action 3 (*Financial investigations applied in the fight against migrant smuggling*) will be available for the next meeting, thus enabling the upcoming Estonian Presidency to deliver a mid-term progress report, which will be presented to COSI in the second semester of 2017.

5. Networks and Expert Groups related to LEWP

5.1. EnviCrimeNet

The Slovak representative in EnviCrimeNet presented the outcome of the network's meeting held in Malta on 3-4 April 2017.

5.2. CARPOL

The Chair of the EU network of national contact points for tackling cross-border vehicle crime (CARPOL) presented the outcome of the network's meeting held in Malta on 5-6 April 2017.

5.3. EFE

The Chair of the European Firearms Experts (EFE) presented the outcome of the network's meeting held in Malta on 25-26 April 2017.

5.4. ENLETS

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks⁴, the Working Party took note of the Annual Report 2016 of the European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS), as set out in 10126/17, following a presentation by the network's Chair.

The Chair then presented a document on best practices in mobile solutions for law enforcement practitioners (10127/17), based on an invitation by the LEWP in the context of the implementation of Action 4B of the Roadmap on Information Exchange and Information Management. Since the document was released shortly before the meeting, delegations were granted the possibility to indicate within two weeks in writing whether they support the recommendations set out therein, such as tasking ENLETS to explore urgently with eu-LISA the possibility of establishing a European 24/7 centralised infrastructure for bilateral exchange in operations / secure messaging. The comments received were transmitted to ENLETS for further reflection.

5.5. TISPOL

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks, the Working Party approved the draft Annual Work Programme 2017 of the European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL), set out in 8227/17, and took note of its Annual Report 2016, set out in 8228/17, following a presentation of those documents by the Spanish representative in the network.

5.6. EMPEN

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks, the Working Party took note of the Annual report 2016 of the European medical and psychological experts' network for law enforcement (EMPEN), as set out in 10128/17.

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5.7. KYNOPOL

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks, the Working Party took note of the Annual Report 2016 of KYNOPOL, set out in 10129/17.

5.8. Experts for Major Sports Events

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks, the Working Party took note of the Annual Report 2016 of the Experts for Major Sports Events, as prepared by the representative by the Pan-European Think Tank of Football Safety and Security Experts and set out in 10130/17.

6. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming Estonian Presidency

The Chair of the LEWP under the upcoming Estonian Presidency presented the priorities for its work in the second semester of 2017. Besides fulfilling the continuous attributions of the Working Party, the priorities will be as follows:

- Reinforce the cooperation within the ATLAS network (Special intervention units), exploring the possibility to create a permanent secretariat and to enable a better operational cooperation.
- Achieve further progress in the implementation of the Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of a European Forensic Science Area (EFSA), and update the respective documents with a view of preparing the mid-term report due to COSI in the first semester of 2018.
- Continue the implementation of the Financial Investigation Action Plan and deliver a mid-term report to COSI during the Presidency, as the Action Plan requires.
- Work towards an involvement of the LEWP networks in the Policy Cycle planning.

7. AOBs

No items were raised under this item agenda point.