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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
on:	21 May 2014
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 2755/14 was adopted.

2. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report of Germany

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Following the discussion held at the previous GENVAL meeting, the draft report was adopted by the Working Party.

3. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report of Latvia

6998/1/14 REV1 GENVAL 14 EUROJUST 50 RESTREINT UE

Following the discussion held at the previous GENVAL meeting, the draft report was adopted by the Working Party.

4. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of the Czech Republic

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The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations. The Czech delegation welcomed the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Slovenia

9334/14 GENVAL 27 EUROJUST 88 RESTREINT UE

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations. The Slovenian delegation welcomed the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

6. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Romania

7772/14 GENVAL 17 EUROJUST 60 RESTREINT UE

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations. The Romanian delegation welcomed the findings of the evaluation team, replied to the questions asked by other delegations and provided information on progress achieved so far by Romania in implementing the recommendations made, in particular towards coordination meetings and joint investigation teams.

**7. European Union Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)
Annual Report of Activities 2013 and Work Programme 2014**

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- Presentation by the Presidency

The Presidency gave an update of EUCPN recent and upcoming activities (power point presentation attached). "Collaboration in Crime Prevention" was the theme chosen by the current EU Presidency trio (Ireland, Lithuania, Greece), Greece focusing on illegal immigration and corruption. The topic of the annual Best Practice conference in December 2013 was domestic violence.

The incoming trio (Italy, Latvia, and Luxemburg) would be working under the headline "Breaking good - together for a safer community in Europe", Italy focusing on prevention of trafficking of human beings.

The incoming Italian Presidency added that the next meeting of the network would be held in October and that, as usual, the Best Practice conference with the European Crime Prevention Award ceremony would take place in December.

8. Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 12 August 2013 on attacks against information systems

- the Commission's strategy aiming at ensuring sound and swift implementation
- presentation by the Commission

On the basis of a PowerPoint presentation (attached), the Commission (EC Home A2, Fight against Cybercrime) presented the main objectives and the new elements of the Directive adopted in August last year and of which the transposition deadline is 4 September 2015. In order to assist Member States in implementing the Directive, sharing best practices on legislative and cooperation aspects, etc., contact committees would be established; invitations to relevant ministries would be sent soon.

9. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the EU Approach against Wildlife Trafficking

- Outcome of the conference of 10-11 April 2014 and the stakeholders' consultation
- Presentation by the Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/wildlife_trafficking_en.htm

As a follow-up to its presentation at the last GENVAL meeting of its recent communication of 7 February 2014 on the EU Approach against Wildlife Trafficking (doc. 6351/14 ENV 126 JAI 78 CRIMORG 9 RELEX 112 DEVGEN 23), the Commission informed about the ongoing review of the EU approach against wildlife trafficking (power point presentation attached). Following the Expert Conference on the EU Approach against Wildlife Trafficking held in Brussels on 10-11 April 2014 and the on-line consultation, some preliminary actions had been identified, such as ensuring deterrent sanction levels throughout the EU, giving Europol and Eurojust a stronger role, improve data and information sharing as well as training at all levels of the enforcement chain and focusing more on illicit financial flows. If deemed appropriate, proposals for action would be prepared for the new Commission. More information can be found on the link above.

10. AOB

- **EU Anti-Corruption report**
 - state of play
- **Seventh round of Mutual Evaluation (Cybercrime)**
 - state of play of experts nominations

The Presidency informed delegations that the EU Anti-Corruption report would be on the agenda of the June JHA-Council, figuring as "a false B-point", giving delegations the opportunity to comment on the issue.

Concerning the state of play of experts' nominations for the 7th evaluation round, the Presidency informed that 21 Member States had had nominated experts and sent the names to the Council Secretariat. The remaining Member States were invited to send in their nominations without further delay.

Another three items were added to AOB:

- **Follow-up to the 6th evaluation report;**
- **Request for an update by the Commission on the action plan on crime statistics;**

and

- **Priorities of the incoming Italian Presidency.**

In relation to follow-up to the 6th evaluation report, the Presidency praised Lithuania and Sweden for their timely follow-up to the evaluation within the 18-month deadline. The reports from the two countries will be circulated to delegations separately for information. Sweden stressed the importance of undertaking the requested follow-up - which was hard work - both as a valuable exercise for the evaluated country and in order to fulfill the obligations of the evaluation.

Furthermore, Sweden mentioned that this 18-month deadline for follow-up to the recommendations given was indicated in most reports, but not in all, which in the view of Sweden, it should; all Member States should be requested to comply with this obligation. Lithuania echoed the comments of Sweden.

Belgium asked for an update from the Commission on the Action Plan for measuring crime in the EU / crime statistics 2011-2015. The Commission promised to give an update at the next GENVAL meeting in July.

Finally, a presentation of, and by, the team of the incoming Italian Presidency, including representatives of the ministries of Justice and Interior took place. A priority would be to wind up the 6th evaluation round and to submit a final report summarising the findings and giving recommendations to the JHA-Council in December. The 7th evaluation round would start under the incoming Italian Presidency and it would be followed as appropriate. The fight against organised crime would be another priority, *i.a.* to look at ways to combat the infiltration of organised crime into the legal economy.

Indicative meeting dates: 24 July, 26 September and 21 November 2014. However, an additional date in October might be necessary in order to be able to finalise the 6th evaluation, more information will follow.
