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Subject: Timeline for the EU Policy Cycle activities in 2015

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Delegations will find in annex a table outlining the steps to be taken in 2015 related to the EU Policy Cycle 2014-2017. This table includes the provisional dates of the meetings provided by the Luxembourg Presidency.

They are presented as a timeline (chronological order) and the activities are foreseen according to the Council Conclusions on the creation and implementation of a EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime (doc. 15358/10).

This document aims to assist Member States in planning their participation and involvement in the various steps to be undertaken. However, it should be noted that the **dates given in the attached schedule are indicative only** and are subject to confirmation through official invitations.

<i>Date / Timeframe</i>	<i>Activity / description</i>	<i>Leaders / remarks</i>
<b>2015</b>		
January	Implementation of the new actions	Start of OAPs 2015
January -February	Kick off meetings for the OAPs 2015	Drivers and EMPACT SU
13 March	<b>EU Interim SOCTA 2015</b> - executive summary finalised + forwarding to Council (via GSC)	Europol (SOCTA Team)
26 March	<b>COSI</b> - General follow-up of OAPs - Presentation and discussion of Interim SOCTA ( <i>action 40 of PC</i> ) and list of affected MS	
2-6 April	<i>Easter break</i>	
30 April	Drivers reports sent to EMPACT SU (monitoring OAPs 2015/1)	Drivers PR and EMPACT SU
Mid May	Preparation NEC meeting: - Closing reports OAPs 2014 - Monitoring OAPs 2015/1 - Draft topics for NEC discussion - Reports to be sent to National Coordinators	
28/29 May	<b>National EMPACT Coordinators meeting (2015/1):</b> - Closing reports OAPs 2014 - First assessment OAPs 2015	PR Europol (EMPACT SU) Commission NECs Drivers
10 June	Reports sent to GSC (closing reports OAPs 2014 - monitoring 2015/1 - NEC meeting)	EMPACT SU PR

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29 June	<p><b>COSI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NEC meeting report</li> <li>- Closing reports OAPs 2014</li> <li>- Monitoring OAPs 2015/1</li> <li>- Independent evaluation mechanism (<i>action 42 of PC</i>) - information on the state of play by the Commission</li> </ul>	
29 September	<p><b>COSI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (poss.) Discussion of the customer requirements for the SOCTA 2017</li> <li>- State of play of an independent evaluation mechanism (<i>action 42 of PC</i>)</li> </ul>	Europol
October	Drafting of OAPs 2016 (workshops at Europol)	Drivers EMPACT SU
30 October	Drivers' reports sent to EMPACT SU (monitoring OAPs 2015/2)	Drivers
mid November	<p>Preparation NEC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring OAPs 2015/2</li> <li>- OAPs 2016</li> <li>- Draft topics for NEC discussion</li> <li>- Reports to be sent to National Coordinators</li> </ul>	PR and EMPACT SU
24 November	<p><b>COSI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (poss.) Discussion of the reviewed SOCTA methodology</li> </ul>	Europol
24-25 November	<p><b>National EMPACT Coordinators meeting (2015/2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of draft OAPs 2016</li> <li>- Monitoring OAPs 2015/2</li> <li>- (poss.) follow up assessment on implementation of DA</li> </ul>	PR Europol (EMPACT SU) NECs / Drivers Commission

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Early December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports sent to GSC:</li> <li>- OAPs 2016 - monitoring 2015/2 by 2 December</li> <li>- Europol Director's report by 4 December</li> <li>- NEC meeting report by 7 December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMPACT SU</li> <li>PR</li> </ul>
16 December	<p><b>COSI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NEC meeting report</li> <li>- Monitoring OAPs 2015/2</li> <li>- Approval OAPs 2016</li> <li>- Adoption of an independent evaluation mechanism (<i>action 42 PC</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PR</li> <li>Europol</li> <li>Commission / MS</li> </ul>

<b>2016</b>		
January	Implementation of the new actions	Start of OAPs 2016
January - February	Kick-off meetings 2016	Drivers
June	Commencement of an independent evaluation ( <i>action 43 of PC</i> )	Commission