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Delegations will find in the Annex the TISPOL Annual Report 2014 as submitted by TISPOL.

The LEWP is invited to take note of this report.

Annual Report 2014



The year at a glance:

1,196,531 speeding offences detected

2,048,049 tests for alcohol and drugs, with 34,963 offences detected

27,690 crimes reported as a result of safety checks during 10 operations

1,373 arrests made during Trivium 2 (March) and Trivium 3 (October)

2,000 vehicles stopped during Trivium 2 and 3 as a result of ANPR activations

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION



It is an honour and a privilege to serve as your TISPOL President. Looking back at 2014, I can see some excellent achievements, coupled with ongoing challenges that require us to be focused in identifying where we should be directing our efforts. The year has been exciting for me to see levels of enthusiasm and support from colleagues and partners across Europe for our work in the mutually supportive fields of road safety and road security. It will be a priority

for me and other members of TISPOL's Executive Committee, to consolidate this support and to enhance still further TISPOL's reputation for delivering excellent results in these areas.

The challenges of 2014 have shown us the importance of our network, and the strength that comes from listening, sharing, discussing and implementing. We can support each other as we seek out workable solutions that offer the best value in an age of reducing budgets. I hope you will find this report useful in demonstrating the true value of TISPOL in Europe.

Aidan Reid



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“WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE EUROPE’S ROADS SAFER AND MORE SECURE.”

GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT



It has been my pleasure and honour to represent TISPOL at events across Europe during 2014. Prior to my appointment as General Secretary I was a chief officer within the United Kingdom police service. In this role I engaged with TISPOL to participate in planned operations and events in support of creating a safer road network across Europe. Since my appointment I have been able to fully appreciate the level of detail and planning that goes into achieving a pan European roads policing operation and how dedicated police colleagues are from across Europe, in working towards a reduction in road deaths and serious injuries.

As the new General Secretary it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to the work and dedication of Mr Ian Hamill and his TISPOL colleagues. Ian’s legacy laid the foundations for the achievements of TISPOL in 2014.

TISPOL is unique in its approach to road safety. It is recognised across Europe and worldwide as a leading road

safety network. Partnerships are very important and we appreciate the support we receive from the police services of all Member States, governments, and the European Commission. Working with partners such as TAPA and ETSC is also a key factor in our success and we seek to build upon this approach during 2015.

This has been an interesting and challenging year for TISPOL. We have continued to support all European countries and identify good practice which enables improvements in road safety. This year has also seen a significant increase in the detection of cross border crime during policing operations such as Trivium, a success recognised at the highest levels of government. This is a continued focus of TISPOL operations. It is rewarding to see developments take place that make a difference to the lives of those who use our road networks. This report highlights the achievements and dedication of those involved. I am most grateful for the support of police officers and partners across Europe.

Ruth Purdie

A TRIBUTE TO IAN HAMILL



It was with great shock and sadness for all TISPOL members that we heard of Ian’s sudden and unexpected passing in March 2014. He was a remarkable and talented General Secretary and ambassador of TISPOL, with a great enthusiasm and dedication to his work. It is through his leadership, energy and commitment that TISPOL is now a recognised enforcement body, with the European Commission and throughout the world. Ian was a highly respected member of the international law enforcement community. With his enormous drive and energy and strong focus on getting the job done, he has made a massive contribution to road policing, both in terms of road safety and road security.

Although many drivers, cyclists and pedestrians will never know it, Ian’s legacy to them will be a safer roads environment. Ian made a real difference and we can confidently say that because of Ian, many lives have been saved and injuries prevented because of his contributions through the work of TISPOL to policing the roads in Europe. We are grateful to Ian for what TISPOL has achieved and what can be developed in the future because of his work.

The TISPOL Council



The Council is the governing body of TISPOL, made up of the senior leading traffic police officers, or their representatives, from the TISPOL member countries. There are two Council meetings each year, where members gather to discuss and update TISPOL activities and to agree the direction and projects to be undertaken. Council members share their experiences in the field of road policing. Away from the meetings, Council members represent TISPOL in their home countries. In 2014, the two Council meetings took place in Brussels (May) and Manchester (October).

Executive Committee

TISPOL's Executive Committee is responsible for implementing the decisions and wishes of the TISPOL Council. It is made up of members of the Council, who are voted onto the Executive Committee on an annual basis. In 2014 there were six meetings of the Executive Committee. One of these occasions was timed to link with the EU Presidency held by Italy (July to December). There were opportunities on this occasion for members of the Executive Committee to meet politicians, policy makers and senior police officers from each host country in a formal context.



Working Groups

Drugs & Alcohol: the Group held two meetings this year, primarily working on updating the Drugs & Alcohol Policy Paper and supporting officers at the roadside with training to enforce drinking and drug driving. The Group is currently engaging with TISPOL members from Latvia, Greece, Slovenia and Estonia to learn more about their issues and legislation.

High Risk: the Group is developing recommendations for TISPOL members in the field of enforcement, education and awareness for motorcycles on the road, using an intelligence led policing approach and a Community Police Programme.

Operational: during 2014 there were two meetings of the Group, where current and future procedures for TISPOL's 10 annual pan European operations were discussed. As well as this two successful Road Policing seminars were organised by the Operational Group in Germany this year.

Their target group was operational police officers.

Road Policing: the group has held three meetings in 2014 and achieved success this year with supporting TRIVIUM and VOYAGER operations. There has been contact and meetings with Europol to further the good working relationship both strategically and operationally with TISPOL.

Technology: this year the group met on three occasions and instituted a scan of existing technologies used in the TISPOL countries in the domains of Road Safety and Transport Security. The group participated in an ANPR operational trial regarding best practice, visited an operational police aviation unit and attended several international Police Technical Exhibitions (Milipol, Traffex, Intertraffic, ICTS2, and Security & Policing).

TISPOL President Aidan Reid gets a chance before an Executive Committee meeting in Rome to look at the Lamborghini displaying the colours of the Italian Traffic Police.



SAFER ROADS FOR EVERYONE

TISPOL supports the European Commission's target of a 50% reduction by 2020 in the number of people killed on Europe's roads, which has been endorsed by the European Parliament.



2012 - 2014

REVIEW OF TISPOL STRATEGY BUILDING UPON SUCCESS

2012

In March, TISPOL organised a road policing seminar in Warsaw, which drew participation from chief officers in Poland, as well as representatives of many TISPOL member countries.

In May, a two-day 'Big Hit' operation hosted by TISPOL at busy border locations between France and Italy saw upwards of 50 visiting officers observing the latest tactics, equipment and partnership working used by the French Gendarmerie and the Italian Polizia Stradale.

TISPOL staged its annual Conference in Edinburgh, and welcomed Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown to deliver the keynote address.



2012 OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- **790,015** violations recorded during two speed enforcement operations, with an additional **5,604** crime detections.
- **216,135** seatbelt offences recorded during two operations, with **7,396** additional crimes.
- **29,227** positive breath tests recorded during two drink-drive operations, with a further **4,504** drug-driving offences and **6,143** crimes.



2013

TISPOL representatives met Irish Justice Minister Alan Shatter and Transport Minister Leo Varadkar at the start of the year, to underline the importance of the work of TISPOL in promoting road safety and challenging criminality.

In February, a multi-agency control operation at Rekkem, on the Belgian-French border, attracted significant attention from politicians and policymakers. The control site was visited by Belgium's Ministers for Home Affairs and Justice, as well as by European Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas.

In April, a Road Policing Seminar took place in Bulgaria, as well as a private meeting with Chief Police Commissioner Angel Antonov.

The first Trivium Operation took place in July, involving officers from Lithuania, Poland and Romania. They spent five days in the UK, assisting their colleagues in identifying and disrupting travelling criminals.

TISPOL's Annual Conference, held in October in Manchester and chaired by Noel Brett, then of Ireland's Road Safety Authority, enjoyed excellent support from across the road safety community.



2013 OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS:

■ **1,354,248** violations recorded during two speed enforcement operations, with an additional **5,522** crime detections.

■ **204,533** seatbelt offences recorded during two operations, with **10,490** additional crimes.

■ **29,441** positive breath tests recorded during two drink-drive operations, with a further **3,905** drug-driving offences and **4,120** crimes.



2014

In March, the Trivium 2 Operation took place, building on the successes of the first Operation. Improved partnership working

led to a significantly increased scope of the Operation, as well as many more participating UK police forces. Once again, the role of Europol was vital for the rapid obtaining and sharing of reliable, high quality intelligence.

The TISPOL Conference was once again held in Manchester, and chaired by Robert Gifford, former Executive Director of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS).

Trivium 3 took place in late October. Results were impressive (see separate item) and TISPOL's first ever live webcast took place from the European Operation Centre in Birmingham.

2014 OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS:

■ **1,196,351** violations recorded during two speed enforcement operations, with an additional **6,092** crime detections.

■ **216,961** seatbelt offences recorded during two operations, with **11,866** additional crimes.

■ **18,391** positive breath tests recorded during two drink-drive operations, with a further **2,976** drug-driving offences and **3,502** crimes.

OPERATION TRIVIUM

Trivium 2

TISPOL worked alongside partner organisations in two further Trivium operations, targeting mobile criminals from overseas. The first Trivium operation, in July 2013, brought police officers from Lithuania, Poland and Romania, as well as Europol analysts, to work alongside their British hosts in a highly effective partnership to bring as many as possible of these criminals to justice. Partnership working, as demonstrated by TISPOL through the principle of the Multi Agency Control Operation (MACO) played a key part on the success of Trivium.

Trivium 2 took place at the end of March, 2014, and built on the successes achieved in that first Trivium operation. Colleagues from Europol provided more than 3,000 registrations of vehicles believed to be involved in crime across Europe, and specifically travelling to the UK. As a direct result, there were some very productive ANPR activations.

The involvement of Europol is crucial for TISPOL, especially in providing accurate intelligence to identify and locate criminals, whose methods of operation are increasingly sophisticated. Organised crime groups are very sophisticated, they try to stay one step ahead of the police. So Europol and TISPOL could work together to keep finding new ways of tackling these groups and their activities.

RESULTS FROM TRIVIUM 2

- 2,825 vehicles stopped
- 371 vehicles seized
- 5,364 people checked
- 300 people arrested
- 1,695 enforcement actions, ranging from fixed penalty notices to warrants and arrests
- 1,100 intelligence submissions within the five days of the Operation
- 827 vehicles stopped as a result of ANPR activations (an increase of 20% compared with the first Trivium operation in 2013)



Trivium 3

Trivium 3 saw a big increase in participants (every police force in England and Wales took part) and in results. Once again, officers from Romania, Lithuania and Poland based themselves at a European Control Centre in Birmingham, where they assisted patrol officers and intelligence analysts from the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) during the five days of the operation.

There was an opportunity for senior officers from other TISPOL countries to visit Birmingham and see for themselves the potential that Trivium offers for effective partnership working to combat mobile criminality. TISPOL President Aidan Reid spoke of his high hopes for how, with the right support, Trivium can develop further.

TISPOL is committed to the development and expansion of Trivium, because of its effectiveness and its smart use of shared intelligence and resources. That's why we're encouraging events and operations of this kind across Europe, with partners such as Europol.

POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR TRIVIUM

"This year has been especially notable for its major policing operations. Operation Trivium left us in no doubt about the success and benefits of cross-border police collaboration. In the five days of activity 1,133 foreign nationals suspected of committing crime in the UK were arrested."

*Rt Hon Theresa May MP
UK Home Secretary*

We're committed to making the very best use of resources to identify travelling criminals, and in so doing to make Europe's roads safer and more secure.

RESULTS FROM TRIVIUM 3

- All 43 police forces across England and Wales took part in Operation Trivium, running checks on people and vehicles through the control centre in Birmingham.
- 7,151 vehicles were stopped nationally, almost 1,200 as a result of activating ANPR cameras.
- 555 vehicles were seized.
- 1,073 people were arrested.
- 3,458 people were handed on-the-spot fines for traffic offences.



The TISPOL Conference 2014

The 2014 TISPOL Conference in Manchester was hailed by delegates and exhibitors alike as a great success. Taking place in Manchester, the event took the theme of 'Road Safety in Europe - Delivering the 2020 Target'. There were many stimulating presentations from a line-up of notable speakers, starting with a moving account from Siobhan O'Brien on living with a brain injury sustained in a road collision.

Conference chair Rob Gifford made a great job of promoting healthy debate across the two days. Delegates joined discussion sessions and through contributions on the tweet wall – a first for TISPOL. Supporting the speakers were exhibitors from across the industry sector, and plenty of time was made available for good conversations on product development and application.



Conference take-aways

Conference Chair Rob Gifford concluded the event by offering points for reflection as he summarised what he thought the Conference had achieved:

- It's about real people in real worlds.
- TISPOL has a key role in ensuring an effective advocacy for roads policing across the EU and beyond.
- Older people are an asset not a liability.
- Every citizen in the EU and beyond has a right to safety and mobility. We mustn't lose one for the benefit of the other.
- Impairment and distraction are key issues for road safety.
- Campaigning, partnership and communication are vital for long-term success.

Brussels Road Policing Conference

The TISPOL Security Conference took place in Brussels in early June. Chaired by Thorsten Neumann of TAPA-EMEA, the event brought together representatives of police, government and industry to share experience in identifying areas where organised crime could best be disrupted by effective partnership working. The Conference attracted more than 100 delegates from 30 TISPOL member countries.

Thorsten Neumann spoke of the need for all parties to understand the best ways of

connecting with each other. "We wish to enhance our partnership approach within an end-to-end supply chain solution," he said.

TISPOL received an award from TAPA-EMEA, recognised its outstanding contribution to improving road security and sharing good practice across Europe. TISPOL has developed an excellent working relationship with TAPA-EMEA in recent years, emphasising the importance in our efforts to detect and disrupt criminality and to stay ahead of new criminal strategies.





SOCIAL MEDIA

TISPOL has enthusiastically embraced social media during 2014. Twitter proved an effective communication and engagement channel, with a steadily growing number of followers and frequent tweets published on safety and security issues. A number of high profile people follow @TISPOLorg, including Keith VAZ MP (who chairs the UK Parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee) and Claude Moraes MEP.

A Tweet Wall was established for the two days of the TISPOL Conference, reaching more than 300,000 people. This drew favourable feedback from Conference delegates, who commented on the energy and immediacy brought to the event.

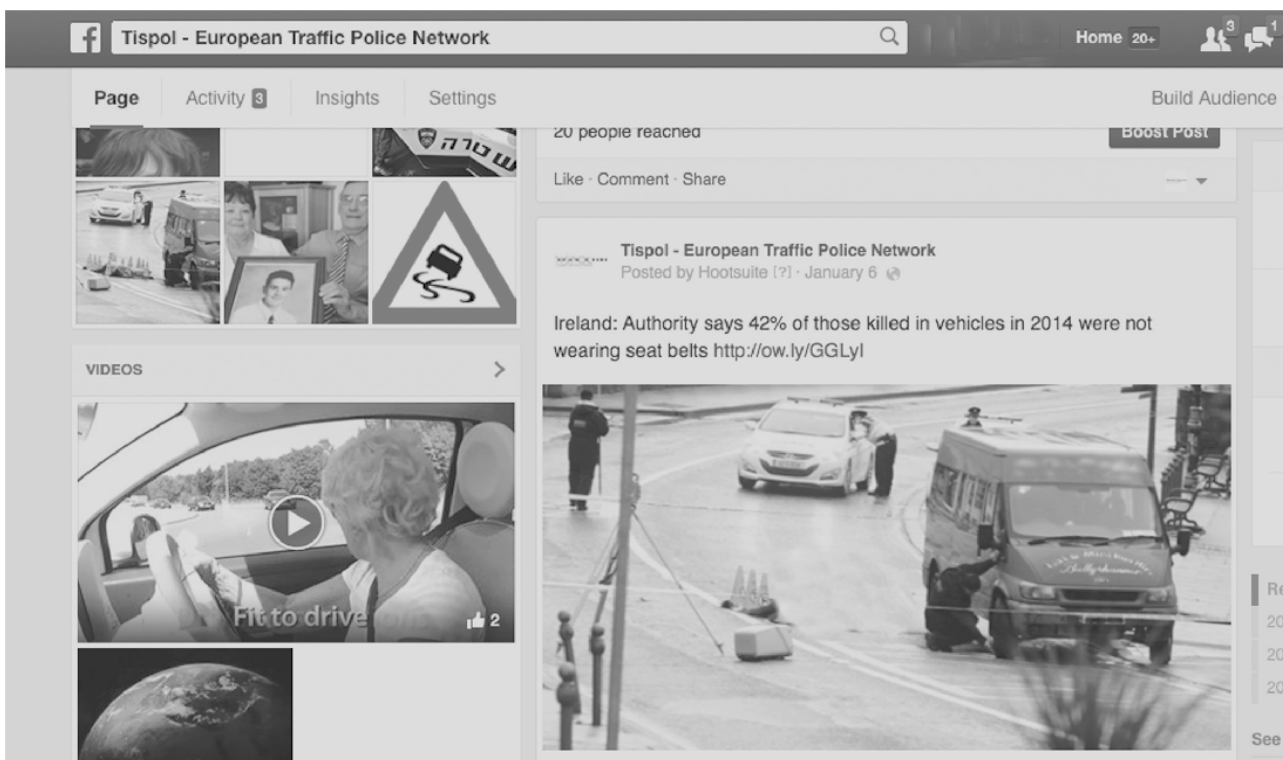


Twitter activity rose considerably during the two Trivium operations, where #optrivium was used.

Participating police forces posted results and images throughout the operation weeks.

Some TISPOL Member Countries are able to interact with social media more effectively than others. But it is our view that social media (along with video and the use of other cutting-edge web technologies) is vital to effectively explain TISPOL's messages and results to our key audiences of the road policing and safety communities and the general motoring public.

The fullest encouragement for people to participate, exposure for TISPOL and a legacy for evidencing results, plus powerful data analysis and reach/impact measurement capability, would be achieved, especially where social media combines effectively with live web broadcasts and tweet walls during operations.



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TISPOL TV PRESENTATION: TRIVIUM 3

Video has always been at the forefront of TISPOL's communication channels. But for 2014, we conceived a plan far more ambitious than anything we had done before. The idea was to showcase the good practice, energy and partnership working from Trivium 3, using a 60-minute web-based presentation, broadcast live from the European Control Centre in Birmingham.

The presentation was a great success, both technically and editorially. Two days of filming preceded the 'show', along with pre-recorded input from CC Suzette Davenport and TISPOL President Aidan Reid. Supt Paul Keasey, who heads the Central Motorway Police Group, played a key role and there were interviews with TISPOL representatives from Romania, Lithuania and Poland as well as with Europol.

As well as attracting several hundred viewers, the presentation team took time

to highlight the large number of tweets that were posted during the 60 minutes.

The full programme is still available online in high definition, and an edited five-minute version is also now available.

It is hoped that we will be able to put this technology to good use for future 'live' events, specifically in support of forthcoming TISPOL operations.

**"THE PRESENTATION
WAS A GREAT SUCCESS,
BOTH TECHNICALLY
AND EDITORIALY..."**

PARTNERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT TO TISPOL

TISPOL recognises that partnership working makes sense for lots of different reasons, not least that it provides opportunity to view and understand road safety and road security issues from different perspectives. It also represents a move towards more 'joined up thinking' between departments, agencies and sectors.

We greatly value our long-held partnerships with ETSC and Euro Contrôle Route in the field of road safety. For road security, we have gained much from our partnership with the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) and the International Road Union (IRU), and have seen the considerable value resulting from our co-operation with Europol.

In our experience it has been very useful to bring together the right people from different agencies and sectors, recognising that they all bring particular agendas, skills, resources, connections understandings and organisational cultures.

For our partnerships to work, we and our partners need to understand each other. We acknowledge that regular work is needed to ensure a properly balanced partnership with other areas of the police service, with public enforcement agencies and with the private sector.

For TISPOL, effective partnership working brings the most effective use of time and resources. It leads to mutually supportive processes, thanks to decisions that take into account the views of different stakeholders. Partnership puts TISPOL on an equal footing with other organisations and helps everyone gain a better understanding of each other's priorities and constraints.



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