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Subject: Timeline for the EU Policy Cycle activities in 2016

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Delegations will find in annex a table outlining the steps to be taken in 2016 related to the EU Policy Cycle 2014-2017. This table includes the provisional dates of the meetings provided by the Netherlands 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 an EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime (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>2016</b>		
January	Implementation of the new actions	Start of OAPs 2016
January - February	Kick off meetings for the OAPs 2016	Drivers and EMPACT SU
February	<b>SOCTA 2017</b> - questionnaire sent by Europol to MS and partners	Europol (SOCTA Team)
March (tbc)	<b>Independent Evaluation mechanism:</b> - (poss.) signature of the contract with the evaluator and commencement of the evaluation	Commission
3 March	<b>COSI</b> - General follow-up of OAPs, including JADs and funding - Information on the Independent Evaluation mechanism	
24-28 March	<i>Easter break</i>	
27 April	Drivers reports sent to EMPACT SU (monitoring OAPs 2016/1 <sup>1</sup> )	Drivers
Mid May	Preparation NEC meeting: - Europol's Director Reports sent to NECs by 18 May - monitoring OAPs 2016/1 sent to NECs by 18 May	PR and EMPACT SU
25/26 May	<b>National EMPACT Coordinators meeting:</b> - first assessment OAPs 2016/1	PR Europol (EMPACT SU) Commission NECs Drivers

<sup>1</sup> These reports may include, where necessary, information regarding actions from OAPs 2015.

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Early June	Reports sent to GSC: - monitoring 2016/1 by 2 June - Europol Director's report by 6 June - NEC meeting report by 6 June	EMPACT SU PR
21 June	<b>COSI</b> - NEC meeting report - Monitoring OAPs 2016/1 - Independent evaluation mechanism - information on the state of play by the Commission and the monitoring group	COSI SG on 13 June (tbc)
30 September	<b>SOC'TA 2017</b> - deadline contributions	MS and partners
26 September / 21 October (tbc)	Drafting of OAPs 2017 (workshops at Europol)	Drivers EMPACT SU
October / November (tbc) <sup>2</sup>	- drivers' reports sent to EMPACT SU (monitoring OAPs 2016/2)	Drivers
October / November (tbc) <sup>3</sup>	- drivers' OAP drafts 2017 sent to EMPACT SU	Drivers
October / November (tbc)	<b>COSI</b> - JAD 2016 state of play and planning 2017 - Independent evaluation mechanism - information on the state of play by the Commission and the monitoring group	
mid November	Preparation NEC meeting: - Europol's Director Reports sent to NECs by (tbc) - draft OAPs 2017 sent to NECs by (tbc) - monitoring OAPs 2016/2 sent to NECs by (tbc)	PR and EMPACT SU

<sup>2</sup> The exact date will depend on the NEC meeting date

<sup>3</sup> The date of submission will be within two weeks after finishing the OAP workshop

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Late November	<b>National EMPACT Coordinators meeting:</b> - discussion of draft OAPs 2017 - monitoring OAPs 2016/2	PR Europol (EMPACT SU) NECs / Drivers Commission
December	<b>SOCTA 2017</b> - draft SOCTA 2017 sent to MS for review	Europol (SOCTA Team)
December (tbc)	<b>COSI</b> - NEC meeting report - Monitoring OAPs 2016/2 - Approval OAPs 2017 - (poss.) Independent evaluation mechanism - state of play	

<b>2017</b>		
January	Implementation of the new actions	Start of OAPs 2017
January - February	Kick-off meetings 2017	EMPACT SU / Drivers
10 February	<b>SOCTA 2017</b> - deadline review SOCTA 2017	MS
March	<b>SOCTA 2017</b> - SOCTA 2017 Published	Europol
January / February (tbc)	<b>COSI:</b> - Reporting on the outcome of the independent evaluation	Commission and monitoring group
March	- Reporting on the outcome of the independent evaluation to JHA Council ( <i>action 44 of PC</i> )	Commission
April / May (tbc)	- (poss.) production of the Policy Advisory Document - (poss.) draft Council Conclusions on JHA crime priorities	COSI together with the Commission COSI
June (tbc)	(poss.) Political decision on JHA crime priorities 2018-2021	Council