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To:	Working Party on e-Law (e-Justice)
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Subject:	Conclusion of the work in the context of the expert group on penitentiary establishments

The aim of the subgroup on penitentiary establishments was to offer help mainly to judicial professionals to find information on penitentiary establishments throughout Europe. The task is contained in the Multiannual European e-justice Action Plan 2014-2018¹ as a B priority. One possible use case is the service to detainees.

The subgroup held its first meeting on 26 October 2016 and the results of the expert group were presented to the delegations at the plenary meeting of the Working Party on 11 November 2016².

¹ Multiannual European e-justice Action Plan 2014-2018, OJ C 182, 14.6.2014, p. 2–13

² Document 13917/16 EJUSTICE 175 COPEN 311 DROIPEN 173

EuroPris

EuroPris is the European organisation of Prison and Correctional Services that is partly financed by an Operating grant of the EC Justice Programme. Their website already offers data on supervision bodies of prisons as well as individual establishments on the basis of a static search. By clicking on each individual country a list of services or a full list of establishments appears.

Establishments are grouped on the basis of types of prisoners (female, young, pre-trial detention), classification of prisons, public or private nature of the entity and facilities (in cell toilet, in cell shower, sports area, accessibility of television, radio, visiting site). A map showing each institution is also provided by EuroPris and a functionality to compare prison establishments is also offered.

That data is contained within a database called the European Prison Information System (EPIS). Providing and maintaining information in EPIS is in no way connected to EuroPris membership

Proposed solutions

There was a broad consensus among Member States that existing solutions shall not be duplicated. However, as not all Member States are members of EUROPRIS, a compromise solution had to be found, in order not to create an obligation to join.

The solutions agreed on by the expert group and then proposed to the Working Party on e-Law (e-Justice)³ were the following:

- a. A short questionnaire is to be circulated to the Member States on addresses and names of establishments with a disclaimer that providing the data does not signify EUROPRIS membership.
- b. Member States answering the questionnaire shall have the possibility to expressly state that they share the information also with EUROPRIS. This choice could apply also for updates.
- c. A cover page will also be created on the European e-Justice portal.

³ Document 8514/17 EJUSTICE 37

At the meeting of the Working Party on e-Law (e-Justice) on 4 May 2017, no Member State opposed the proposed solutions.

In view of the above, Member States are invited to provide the data on their prison establishments, as listed in the annex, to EuroPris.

In order to do so, Member States would be requested to contact EuroPris, which would provide a link and login into the EPIS database. Member States would then be able to complete and update the data that they provided.

Contacting EuroPris in that context will not be considered as a request for EuroPris membership.

The Commission is invited to provide a cover page on the subject on the European e-Justice Portal.

Data on individual penitentiary establishments

Organisation:

Name of establishment:

Address:

Phone number:

Year of building of the establishment:

Status of establishment:

(Head of establishment):

(Job title):
