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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| On: | 30 September 2022 |
| To: | Delegations |

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| Subject: | Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) |
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1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4395/22 was adopted.

2. Information by the Presidency

Delegations took note of the online workshop co-hosted by the Presidency and the Commission on technologies for the detection of new and known child sexual abuse material and grooming in unencrypted and encrypted communications.

The Presidency also informed on the outcomes from the Presidency conference on the online dimension of counterterrorism that took place on 15-16 September 2022 in Prague.

Discussion items:

1. Fighting drugs trafficking

The Chair of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG) presented the priorities of the Presidency in the HDG, focusing on an evidence- and human rights-based approach and health and prevention aspects. COSI discussed two aspects: trafficking in virtual environment and via postal parcels, as well as new methamphetamine trends in Europe. Delegations shared their experience on cooperation between law enforcement services, customs and private parties in addressing drugs trafficking in postal parcels and highlighted certain challenges related to the analysis of big data or cooperation. On methamphetamine, some delegations considered that the legislation on precursors should be more up to speed with the latest developments and explained internal procedures for analysing seized substances. The debate will continue in HDG.

Some delegations referred to the ongoing negotiations on Council conclusions on an evidence- and human rights-based approach in drug policies at HDG and the need to carefully address the question regarding any reference to decriminalisation.

2. War in Ukraine: implications for internal security

Over working lunch, COSI took note of the agreement with Ukrainian authorities to launch a structured operational dialogue on internal security matters further to a visit to Kyiv co-lead by the EU CTC, the Commission (DG Home) and the EEAS. Concrete follow up will be provided in several key areas, identified at the visit.

3. EU Innovation Hub for internal security: state of play and way forward

The co-chair of the Steering Group of the Hub presented the Annual Activity Report, emphasizing the projects that are currently running under the auspices of the Hub and the need to provide concrete deliverables to the stakeholders. Europol presented the outcome of the Hub Annual Event. Several delegations commended the event for providing a more concrete picture of the projects that are currently addressed under the umbrella of the Hub.

COSI provided further orientations for the future of the Hub and concluded that it is important to involve the Member State practitioners in the collaboration in more concrete terms, to ensure more stable funding for the activities of the Hub, and to guarantee staffing resources mainly through seconded staff.

Items for information/endorsement

4. Next generation EU – Law Enforcement Forum

Delegations took note of the developments regarding the Law Enforcement Forum.

5. Items concluded by COSI SG

Delegations took note of the items concluded by COSI SG.

6. AOB

COSI took note of the state of play of the election of the Vice President of Europe of Interpol. Furthermore, COSI raised awareness on the state of play of the trilogues on the e-Privacy regulation, with a focus on data retention, reiterating the need to cater for law enforcement concerns, as well as on the possible cuts to Horizon Europe funding affecting especially research and innovation opportunities for internal security.