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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	18 September 2024
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 3744/1/24 REV 1 was adopted.

2. Information provided by the Presidency

The Presidency provided information about the ongoing work on the legislative proposal on child sexual abuse, the draft Council conclusions on combating cross-border environmental crime and the draft Council conclusions on strengthening the joint counterterrorism efforts. In addition, the Presidency provided information about the upcoming EU-US Senior Officials Meeting in Budapest on 16 and 17 October and the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum in Budva on 28 and 29 October.

Discussion items

3. Challenges posed by migrant smuggling

COSI discussed the main challenges posed by the migrant smuggling phenomenon and the comprehensive set of actions needed to tackle this type of crime, from strengthening international cooperation and partnerships with countries of origin and transit, to the monitoring of fraudulent activities online and a more systematic launch of financial investigations. Other areas of action mentioned were the timely implementation of the interoperability package and the adoption of legislative proposals (anti-migrant smuggling package).

4. Synthetic drug production and environmental crime

COSI acknowledged the necessity of paying more attention to the environmental risks posed by the production of synthetic drugs. In this context, the important role that the new Environmental Crime Directive will play was highlighted; it will allow for the prosecution of environmental crimes, including the unlawful dumping of chemical waste.

5. Stepping up the fight against trafficking in cultural goods

COSI exchanged views on ways to step up the fight against trafficking in cultural goods, including the implementation of measures contained in both the Council Conclusions on the fight against trafficking in cultural goods and the EU Action Plan against Trafficking in Cultural Goods.

Items for information/endorsement

6. Negotiations for a cooperation agreement between the EU and Interpol

The Commission debriefed participants on the state of play of the negotiations, focusing on the areas requiring further work and discussions.

7. Proposal for a European cross-border associations Directive: internal security implications

The Presidency provided information about the state of play of the work on this legislative proposal and the implications for internal security.

8. High-Level Group on Access to Data for Effective Law Enforcement: state of play and envisaged next steps

The Presidency provided information about the preparations of a concluding report by the HLG that will be considered at the plenary meeting on 15 November. COSI will discuss this report on 27 November.

9. EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation

The Commission debriefed COSI about the launch of the EU Knowledge Hub on 17 June 2024, building on the work done by the Radicalisation Awareness Network.

10. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group

COSI took note of the items concluded by the COSI Support Group in 13021/24.

11. AOB

- France drew the participants' attention to a draft delegated act linked to the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/125 of 16 January 2019 and its possible implications for the use of intermediate force equipment by law enforcement authorities.
- Belgium provided information about the upcoming vote on nine new members of Interpol's Executive Committee at Interpol's General Assembly (Glasgow, 4-7 November).