



Brussels, 4 December 2024
(OR. en)

16393/24

COSI 226
JAI 1788

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	27 November 2024
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 4733/24.

2. Information provided by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the state of play of legislative files and the envisaged adoption of Council conclusions on a handbook for Member States hosting major international football tournaments, future priorities for strengthening the joint counterterrorism efforts of the European Union and its Member States, and access to data for effective law enforcement. Reference was made to the European Police Chiefs Convention in The Hague on 24 and 25 September 2024 and the Interpol General Assembly in Glasgow from 4 to 7 November 2024.

Discussion items

3. The future of EMPACT

COSI exchanged views on the future of the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT), taking into account the strategic recommendations identified in the independent evaluation of the EMPACT cycle 2022-2025. In future, the effectiveness of EMPACT should be further improved by ensuring its consolidation, sustainable funding and integration in the Union's internal security framework while maintaining its operational flexibility. COSI agreed to continue the discussion on the future of EMPACT in the appropriate meeting formats.

4. Access to data for effective law enforcement: concluding report of the High-Level Group

COSI discussed the way forward on access to data for effective law enforcement following the finalisation of the work of the High-Level Group on that topic ahead of an exchange of views at the Council. COSI welcomed the work done by the experts and agreed to invite the Commission to put forward, by Q2 2025, a roadmap for the implementation of concrete measures to guarantee access to data for effective law enforcement, including a clear timeline, an allocation of tasks and the resources needed. COSI was also in favour of developing a common narrative and communication strategy to raise awareness and gather support among stakeholders.

5. The future of law enforcement training

COSI heads of delegations exchanged views on the future of law enforcement training during a working lunch attended by the Executive Director of the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL). COSI agreed with the need to continue developing a common law enforcement culture based on mutual trust to enable cross-border cooperation. The discussion also addressed the need to prepare for technological developments and make best use of common tools.

6. Fighting organised crime and drug trafficking - facilitating financial investigations

COSI exchanged views on facilitating financial investigations in the context of fighting organised crime and drug trafficking. COSI agreed on the importance of continuing cooperation through public-private partnerships and transposing and implementing the Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) package and the Directive on asset recovery and confiscation.

Items for information/endorsement

7. Counterterrorism and violent extremism

7.1 EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism: recommendations

COSI endorsed the recommendations prepared by the Terrorism Working Party (TWP) relating to the six-monthly EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism.

7.2 Council conclusions on future priorities for strengthening the joint counterterrorism efforts of the European Union and its Member States

COSI endorsed the draft Council conclusions on future priorities for strengthening the joint counterterrorism efforts of the European Union and its Member States.

8. EU-CLASI cooperation

The Presidency reported on the upcoming EU-CLASI institutional meeting in Brussels on 28 November 2024.

9. EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security

The Presidency reported on discussions in the relevant Council working parties on the work of the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security, the upcoming annual event of the Hub in Brussels on 28 November 2024, and the lack of dedicated resources for the Hub. COSI invited the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security to take into account the outcome of the discussions in the relevant Council working parties when preparing their review of priorities and the 2025 work plan.

COSI endorsed the new composition of the Steering Group of the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security from January 2025 to June 2026.

10. Coordination mechanism for joint operations

The Presidency reported on the coordination mechanism for joint operations that was established in 2007 in order to avoid an overlap of customs-relevant operations in terms of aim, geographical area or time. The revision of the mechanism was agreed by the Law Enforcement Working Party (Customs) on 8 November 2024.

11. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group

COSI took note of the items concluded by the COSI Support Group outlined in 15520/24.

12. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Polish Presidency

The incoming Polish Presidency presented its work programme.

13. AOB

- The Commission reminded Member States of the urgency of transposing the Directive on the Resilience of Critical Entities and recalled that the deadline for transposing the Information Exchange Directive was approaching.
-