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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: Outcome of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Operational
Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 2163/26.

2. Information provided by the Presidency

The Presidency informed COSI about the state of play of legislative proposals and the ongoing work on non-legislative files in the relevant Council structures. The Presidency presented the draft agenda of the upcoming Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 3 and 4 June 2026. The chairperson of the Coordinating Committee in the area of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (CATS) informed about the discussion on cooperation between Europol and Eurojust that took place at the committee's informal meeting in Larnaca on 14 and 15 April 2026.

3. The fight against serious and organised crime: the administrative approach and special investigative techniques

In light of the planned proposal from the Commission to revise the Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA of 24 October 2008 on the fight against organised crime, COSI exchanged views on fighting organised crime at EU level in an effective way through applying the administrative approach and special investigative techniques. Delegations supported strengthening the

administrative approach and advocated for the development of a Union framework building on national experience. With regard to special investigation techniques, delegations expressed their preference for optimising existing tools such as the European Investigation Order over harmonisation through new Union legislation.

4. Operational cooperation to counter drone threats

Delegations welcomed the Commission's Action Plan on Drone and Counter-Drone Security and noted the increasing frequency and sophistication of malicious drone activity. Enhanced information sharing at EU level, alongside joint procurement, training, research, and exercises, were identified as key priorities. The input from COSI will feed into the report prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Party on Preparedness, Response Capability and Resilience to Future Crises (AHWP Resilience) to be presented to the Council in June 2026.

5. Regular EU internal security threat analysis/cross-cutting security trends

During the working lunch, the Commission made a presentation on cross-cutting security trends. While acknowledging the Commission's intention to raise the profile of internal security issues at the Council, most delegations raised questions and requests for clarification to the Commission.

6. Access to data for effective law enforcement: review of the progress made

Delegations indicated their expectation of forthcoming discussions within Council structures on data retention and the technology roadmap on encryption. Other topics stressed by delegations included the need to enhance efforts in digital forensics, strengthening the engagement in standardisation, and communicating more actively about the challenges faced by law enforcement.

7. Regional dialogue on internal security with the Mediterranean

The Presidency informed delegations about the ongoing work to launch an internal security dialogue with the southern Mediterranean partners, including first exchanges with several countries in the region together with the Commission and the EEAS. The incoming Irish Presidency announced that the first Senior Officials Meeting would be planned to take place back-to-back with the COSI meeting in November 2026.

8. Council conclusions on the EU Drugs Strategic Framework: Implementation of internal security related activities

The Presidency informed delegations about the ongoing work leading to the approval of Council conclusions on the EU Drugs Strategic Framework at the June JHA Council. COSI will continue to provide guidance on operational cooperation matters related to the implementation of the Action Plan against drug trafficking,.

9. EU Law Enforcement Training Needs Assessment 2026-2029: key findings

COSI took note of the key findings of the EU Law Enforcement Training Needs Assessment 2026-2029, presented by the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL).

10. Digital files: State of play

COSI took note of the state of play of digital files relevant for internal security, including the implementation of the Artificial Intelligence Act and the Digital Services Act, and the legislative proposals for a Digital Omnibus and a Digital Networks Act.

11. EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism: recommendations

COSI endorsed the recommendations based on the EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism as set out in 7484/26.

12. EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security – Endorsement of the composition of the Steering Group

COSI endorsed the composition of the Steering Group of the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security for the period July 2026 to December 2027 as set out in 7485/26.

13. Organisation and prioritisation of law enforcement networks affiliated with the LEWP Police – Endorsement of the timeline

COSI endorsed the timeline for the work on the organisation and prioritisation of law enforcement networks affiliated with the Law Enforcement Working Party - Police as set out in 8468/26.

14. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group

COSI took note of the items concluded by the COSI Support Group as set out in 7487/26.

15. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Irish Presidency

The incoming Irish Presidency outlined its priorities. Work in COSI will include access to data for effective law enforcement, the impact of the geopolitical environment on internal security, cooperation with external partners, the implementation of the European Internal Security Strategy, and fighting organised crime.

16. AOB

Portugal raised awareness about the work of the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N) and the need to provide the organisation with adequate Union funding to ensure the continuation of current activities and the implementation of planned new activities.
