

## SPAIN

### Spain.- Follow-up comments to the last LEWP meeting (11/01/2021)

#### **REVISION OF THE EUROPOL REGULATION**

- Regarding Europol's cooperation with private parties, cooperation with third countries or the processing of large data, Spain's position on this matter is favorable.
- Relating to strengthen Europol's cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office, Spain certainly believes that Europol's cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office is clearly necessary.
- Concerning the entry of alerts by Europol, we in Spain, are currently studying this issue thoroughly. However, several legal pitfalls are anticipated to comply with the national and EU legislation. For this reason, Spain supports to explore an alternative and more practical solution which allows to incorporate and make available to MS the information provided by third countries, such as the option of inserting such data in the field of interoperability.
- Pertaining to clarify the role of Europol in the request for the initiation of an investigation into offences affecting the common interests of the Union, our position of this refers to the article 6 Europol Regulation (REGULATION (EU) 2016/794 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 May 2016). In this sense, it is considered that this Article provides sufficient legal cover to request the initiation of investigations and therefore it is not considered necessary to amend the regulation to this effect.

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