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**Report on meeting  
 ARGOS 2017 preparatory meeting**

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Event	ARGOS 2017 Preparational meeting
Subject	Organisation of ARGOS 2017 conference
Role in event	Organiser, chair
Place / Date	Ljubljana, 22 November 2016
Organised by	EUROPOL, supported by the PCCSEE Secretariat
Advisable to attend + why?	Yes Organiser
Participants	EUROPOL, PCCSEE Secretariat, SENSEE, CSW, SK, CZ
Date of next meeting	Tbd
Special contacts	[REDACTED]
Related documentation	<a href="#">EDOC-#864074-20161116 ARGOS 2017 Context and proposal</a> <a href="#">EDOC-#854743-20161122 ARGOS Prep meeting Agenda</a>

**1. Introduction**

This document reports on the preparatory meeting for the ARGOS conference 2017 to be organised in Q4 in Ljubljana. [EDOC-#864074](#) explains the concept of the Assembly on Regional Groups on Surveillance (ARGOS). The creation of an additional network for covert surveillance as part of the ARGOS concept was discussed during the meeting.

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### 2. Content

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#### 2.2. Future of the EU covert surveillance landscape

O54 presented the history and concept of ARGOS which includes the involvement of the chairs of CSW, SENSEE and the third network. [REDACTED] insisted on the need of having a board to steer and coordinate the work of the three networks. O54 confirmed that this was included in the idea from the outset and committed to formalise the existing involvement of the networks in an ARGOS board. The board will consist of EUROPOL and the chairs of the three networks.

#### 2.3. ARGOS 2017

O54 invited the PCCSEE Secretariat to support the organisation of the ARGOS conference in 2017. Their project will stop by the end of 2016 so they cannot give any financial support. The Secretariat however agreed to give logistical support to organise the meeting in Ljubljana. EUROPOL agreed to pay for travel and accommodation for the delegates from SENSEE and the third network. CSW will pay for their delegates and for the conference rooms. [REDACTED]

### 3. Way forward

The 3 networks on covert surveillance are steered by the MS and work on regional issues. EUROPOL is a permanent member of all three networks. The ARGOS concept was created to link the networks ensuring that every EU MS has a voice in the EU covert surveillance network. O54 will finalise this concept in 2017.

### 4. Consequences for Europol

O54 will support the creation of the third network by will preparing the terms of reference with the new chair. O54 will formalise the membership and cooperation mechanisms in a ToR for ARGOS. EUROPOL agreed to fund (Cost estimate €3430) the initiating meeting and to include this network in the ARGOS concept<sup>4</sup>. Conference and travel will be involved for logistical support.

O54 will organise an ARGOS board meeting in Q2 2017. The ARGOS conference will take place in Ljubljana in Q4 2017. [REDACTED]

### Conclusion

This meeting agreed on the concept of ARGOS. CSW, SENSEE and the PCCSEE Secretariat, [REDACTED] as representative for the third network agreed to support the ARGOS conference 2017.

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<sup>4</sup> EDOC-#864074-20161116 ARGOS 2017 Context and proposal

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