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Timetable

EU Anti-Terrorist Declaration, 25 March 2004

[all dates apply to the Council unless otherwise indicated]

Immediate application

- 'solidarity' clause

May 2004

- adoption of Directive on compensation of crime victims before 1 May
- adoption of customs strategy and work programme
- adoption of borders agency Regulation
- decisions taken on management, location and financing of SIS II
- adoption of Europol/Eurojust agreement

June 2004

- Member States to implement six measures already due for implementation (Framework Decisions on terrorism, European arrest warrant, joint investigation teams and money laundering; Decisions on Eurojust and implementing Common Position on terrorism)
- finalise on Framework Decisions on confiscation orders and attacks on information systems
- conclude work on proposed Framework Decision on execution of confiscation orders
- Regulation and Decision on new functions for SIS II adopted and entry into force
- Solana reports to June summit on intelligence sharing
- Commission to make proposal on a common approach to the collection and use of passenger data
- Commission to bring forward proposals to the June summit on exchange of personal information (DNA, fingerprints and visa data) for the purpose of combating terrorism, including provisions to enable national law enforcement agencies to have access to the EU systems

September 2004

- report on evaluation of first 15 Member States regarding terrorism

December 2004

- Member States to ratify 3 Protocols to Europol Convention, 2000 Convention on mutual assistance and its 2001 Protocol

End of 2004

- adoption of proposals on biometrics in visas and passports

January 2005

- Borders Agency to be operational

June 2005

- adoption of forthcoming proposals on retention of communications traffic data and exchange of information on terrorist convictions

End 2005

- take forward a Commission proposal on a system for the exchange of information on lost and stolen identity documents

No date mentioned

- 'urgent': Commission allocation of funds for terrorist victims
- 'early conclusion' of discussions on proposed Directive on passenger data
- 'take forward' work on European Evidence Warrant
- Council to create new committee structures on operational security cooperation
- Commission to make proposal on safety of ports/harbours
- consideration of criteria for refusing entry in Article 96 of Schengen Convention
- Commission to submit proposals for inter-operability of databases
- EU Police Chiefs to develop operational capacity and report on Madrid attacks
- Council to examine issues of hot pursuit, database on convictions and disqualifications, database on forensic evidence, simplification of exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities
- Commission to bring forward proposal on European witness protection programme

- Commission and Council to 'take forward' work on Visa Information System (VIS)
- Council to examine scope for measures to control bombs, etc.

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