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Content

The current document is to replace the addendum to the Schengen police cooperation handbook which set out the lists of Member States' and Europol liaison officers as well as practical information on the liaison bureaux at Europol. (8698/08 ENFOPOL 81 COMIX 330 ADD 3).

It therefore contains these same lists but also the list of contact points for the common use of liaison officers posted abroad (previously included in document 8698/08 ADD 2), and an introduction about the use and cooperation of liaison officers.
Drafting process

As the Schengen police cooperation handbook (doc. 10694/07) will be replaced by a manual on cross-border operations and a manual on information exchange, it was considered more practical to have a separate document on liaison officers rather than adding it to either of these two manuals.

Next to the lists set out in the addendum, an introductory part has been included briefly explaining the available legal texts and highlighting some good practices already identified (cf. doc. 14893/08 JAI 581 RELEX 821).

The list of sending authorities of liaison officers at the Europol Liaison Bureaux has been included along with the list with contact details of these Bureaux.

The list of "Member States that have been given responsibility for the coordination of the EU cooperation in a particular country or region"\(^1\) has been completed following the discussion by the Police Chiefs on this subject (cf. document ENFOPOL 134 JAIEX 33).

The highlighting in the text indicates where hyperlinks will be included.

Delegations are invited to transmit the document to their relevant authorities for their information. Any further updates can be sent to pcwp@consilium.europa.eu and will be taken into account in the 2010 update.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Available legal texts

Secondment of liaison officers

Article 47 of the Schengen Convention provides that Member States “may conclude bilateral agreements providing for the secondment, for a specified or unspecified period, of liaison officers from one [Member] State to the police authorities of another [Member] State”.

The secondment of liaison officers described in the current manual is the secondment not related to a specific event.

It does not concern the posting of liaison officers to another Member States for assistance during a specific event or period pursuant to Article 46 of the Schengen Convention, Article 18 of the “Prüm Council Decision” and bilateral agreements further developing these provisions. More details about such secondments can be found in the “Football Handbook” and in the Council Recommendation of 6 December 2007 concerning a Handbook for police and security authorities concerning cooperation at major events with an international dimension.

The task of liaison officers shall be to advise and assist. Article 47 of the Schengen Convention specifies that such secondments are “intended to further and accelerate cooperation, particularly by providing assistance

(a) in the form of the exchange of information for the purposes of combating crime by means of both prevention and law enforcement

(b) in executing requests for mutual police and judicial assistance in criminal matters

(c) with the tasks carried and by the authorities responsible for external border surveillance.”

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4 Council Resolution concerning an updated handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved, published in OJ C 322 of 29.12.2006, p. 1.
According to Article 47, liaison officers shall not be empowered to execute autonomously any police measures. They shall supply information and shall discharge their duties on the instructions issued to them by the Member State which they come from and by the Member State to which they are seconded.

Cooperation between liaison officers

The provision of the Schengen Convention that liaison officers from one Member State may also represent the interests of one or more other Member States has been further developed by the Council Decision on the common use of liaison officers posted abroad by the law enforcement agencies of the Member States (amended in 2006). 

The above-mentioned Decisions also provide for the improvement of cooperation between liaison officers of different Member States in their place of secondment. Such cooperation is already in place in different formats, ranging from informal meetings to more regular and formally convened meetings (e.g. in Moscow and Zagreb). At different instances, it has been stressed that this cooperation should be encouraged and should not only depend on the initiative of the Member States holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU.

1.2 Good practices to foster cooperation between liaison officers

Based on past and on-going experiences in different host countries and with a view to achieving greater pooling of Member States' activities vis-à-vis third countries in terms of both the work of the liaison officers and technical cooperation, some good practices have been identified which are set out below.

It is suggested that the Member States' liaison officers and their relevant authorities apply these whenever appropriate.

With a view to improving the cooperation among liaison officers and assisting Member States in requesting or offering representation by a liaison officer of another Member State, Member States are to inform each other of their secondments of liaison officers.

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To that end, the current document sets out a list of Member States’ postings of liaison officers as well as the list of national contact points referred to in Article 7 of the 2003 Council Decision. Member States should send the appropriate information to keep these lists up-to-date (via pcwp@consilium.europa.eu).

Organisation of meetings of liaison officers:
Member States' liaison officers stationed in a third country/a specific region or posted to the same international organisation should meet regularly or when necessary to exchange relevant information.

These meetings shall be convened either at the initiative of the EU Presidency (liaison officer) or of the Member State that has agreed to take on responsibility for coordination of EU cooperation in a particular country or region or of any other Member State.

Currently, the following Member States have agreed to take such a "lead role":

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The meetings should be organised on a regular and flexible basis, ideally in accordance with agendas focusing on thematic priorities shared by Member States present in the country/region concerned or on purely operational subject areas. The advice of the Police Chiefs might be asked prior to such meetings.
Participation in the liaison officers meetings

Next to the liaison officers posted in the country/region, it is suggested to open such meetings to observers of Member States which do not have any liaison officers in the region in question.

It can also be useful to allow the partners of the host State to comment at the beginning of each meeting regarding the items on the agenda. The liaison officers can then use those comments as a basis for discussing possible solution.

Where appropriate, the Commission and Europol must be invited to these meetings but it is encouraged to consider the participation of Frontex and Interpol as well.

Pooling of technical and training cooperation activities:

The pooling of technical and training cooperation activities is an extension of the pooling of liaison officers. It should prevent superfluous activities while maintaining Member States' entitlement to develop bilateral activities.

In order to avoid "cooperation shopping" on the part of the beneficiary countries, liaison officers should timely be consulted on the definition and programming of bilateral technical and training cooperation. Such prior consultation would achieve economy, increased efficiency and greater overall consistency. The final discussion on granting of training and equipment assistance is up to the competent body of the Member States.

The programming of such activities, inter alia in the field of training, may also support the operational priorities defined either at the meeting of liaison officers or by the JHA Council.

The pooling of technical and training cooperation activities will also facilitate large-scale activities, which could benefit from assistance from European funds.
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