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From : Belgian delegation

To : Working Group on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX)

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Subject: Evaluation procedure for implementing the data exchange provisions pursuant to Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA (Prüm Decisions)
- reply to questionnaire on exchange of DNA data

1. Organisational

1.1. Please provide the contact information for the designated national contact point (NCP) for incoming and outgoing requests

INCC -National Institute for Criminalistics and Criminology

1.2. Has a person (or an unit) in charge of the network communication for Prüm DNA application at your MS site already been appointed?

FEDICT - Federal public service ICT- Jan.colpaert@fedict.be

1.3. Has a person (or an unit) in charge of the software development for Prüm DNA application at your MS site already been appointed?

No, because Belgium is a CODIS country.

- 1.4. Does your Member State intend to use a central national contact point for the follow-up consultation procedure after hit notifications (2nd step consultation procedure) ? If so, please provide details.

Yes, the national unit of the public prosecutor will be the NCP for hit follow-ups (Belgian DNA law of 8 November 2011, application subject to the publication of a Royal Decree). This unit will be located within the support service of the College of Public Prosecutors pursuant to Article 143ter of the Judicial Code.

2. Technical

2.1. General

- 2.1.1. Does your Member State intend to use the existing Prüm product components? If yes, please answer the questions 2.1.2. to 2.1.5.

No

- 2.1.2. Do you intend to deploy the following software components? If yes, please specify by choosing a), b), c), d):

- a) Communication Center (DE-CC) for UNIX and Microsoft operation systems
- b) Match Engine (AT-ME) for Microsoft SQL DBMS
- c) Match Engine (DE-ME) for Oracle DBMS
- d) Scripts for extraction of DNA profiles from CODIS system

- 2.1.3. Please provide the following information on test operations

- are you satisfied with the components currently deployed
- are there any problems on lost messages / encryptions / DNA-ME's / system performance / POP3 mailbox

- 2.1.4. Which kind of database is used:

- Oracle DBMS (version > = 9.2)
- MS SQL Server v 2000 or 2005
- other: ...

2.1.5. Which kind of application is used:

- Tomcat
- Oracle iAS (version $\geq 9.4.1$)
- other: ...

2.2. Network

2.2.1. Does a national access point to the TESTA exist in your MS?

Yes

2.2.2. Have the premises where Prüm DNA application equipment will be installed already been connected to the national TESTA access point? Which network is used (TESTA II or sTESTA) ? Which kind of connection is deployed (direct access or via a local secure link) ?

The connection of our equipment with TESTA is done with a direct access

2.3. System Availability and Processing Procedure

2.3.1. Can you maintain an availability of the Prüm DNA national system (DBMS, email and application servers, active network components and etc) of 99% on a yearly basis?

Yes

2.3.2. Does your MS commit itself to reply to the requesting party within 24 hours by the NCP ?

Yes

2.3.3. Please provide the volumes of available DNA reference profiles for your Member State.

23 000 profiles

2.3.4. Please provide the volumes of available DNA stain profiles for your Member State.

20 000 profiles

2.3.5. Is your MS site capable of conducting a batch-oriented mass comparison with stains ?

Yes

2.3.6. Does your MS site intend to send individual requests?

Yes (only stains)

2.3.7. Does your MS site intend to conduct an initial mass comparison and then send each new entry of DNA profile (reference and stain) to other Member States' sites ? If not, does your Member State site intend to conduct mass comparisons on a regular basis ?

We will conduct an initial mass comparison end then send only each new stain.

2.3.8. Is your current IT environment configured in such a way that your MS can send matched profile(s) back to the requesting party in an automated procedure ?

Yes

2.4. Email Mechanism:

2.4.1. Is SMTP server available and in operation at your MS site?

Yes

2.4.2. Is POP3 Server available and in operation at your MS site?

Yes

2.4.3. Have email domains and sub domains as well as email-based application accounts for Prüm DNA productive operations already been established upon the agreed specification? If so, please fill out the appendix "Generic services SMTP".

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Yes

The topic list above does not mention every possible item (e.g. the training for the Prüm-application's end-users, which is considered to be solely a matter of the Member States). Member States are free to comment on any other item they wish.