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Subject: Links between the EU Action on Migratory Pressures and several EU Crime
Priorities in the framework of the EU Policy Cycle

The Council adopted on 26-27 April 2012 the "EU Action on Migratory Pressures - a Strategic Response"¹.

This roadmap is intended to be a "living document", which future Presidencies will be responsible for updating on a biannual basis, in order to prevent and control existing pressures that derive from illegal immigration as well as abuse of legal migration possibilities.

A discussion on the follow up to the adoption of the EU Action took place in SCIFA /Mixed Committee on 24 May 2012 on the basis of doc. 10065/12.

Illegal immigration is one of the eight EU crime priorities defined in the Council conclusions on setting the EU priorities for the fight against organised crime between 2011 and 2013 in the framework of the EU Policy Cycle².

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Beside the crime priority "Illegal immigration", two other crime priorities have potential links with the activities listed in the roadmap, namely the priorities "Trafficking in Human Beings" and "Western Balkans".

The Operational Action Plans for the above-mentioned priorities contain several actions that are (partially or totally) addressing elements listed in the EU Action on Migratory Pressures.

Starting from the "EU Action on Migratory Pressures", the following links have been identified:

- point I.4.D: OAP illegal immigration action 6.1
- point I.4.F: OAP illegal immigration action 6.2 and 7.1
- point I.4.G: OAP illegal immigration action 3.1
- point I.5.B: OAP THB and Western Balkans (WB) (enhance operational cooperation)
- point I.6.A: OAP illegal immigration action 2.2
- point I.6.D: OAP illegal immigration action 1.3 and potentially OAP THB
- point I.6.E: OAP illegal immigration action 5.1
- point II.2.B: OAP illegal immigration for actions involving Frontex
- point II.2.E: OAP illegal immigration (strategic goal 6) and OAP THB (strategic goal 7)
- point II.2.G: OAP illegal immigration action (strategic goal 4)
- point III.1.D: OAP illegal immigration - potentially action 2.1
- point III.2.C: OAP illegal immigration (strategic goal 6) and OAP THB (strategic goal 7)
- point V.1.B: Europol and EU Crime Priorities are explicitly quoted
- point V.1.E: OAP illegal immigration (Joint Investigation Teams)
- point V.2.B: OAP illegal immigration (strategic goal 5 - administrative approach)
- point VI.1.B: OAP illegal immigration (strategic goal 2)
- point VI.2.B: OAP illegal immigration action 3.1 (return of minors)

The Council agreed that the SCIFA/Mixed Committee will oversee the implementation of the EU Action on Migratory Pressures and update the list of actions in it.

The Presidency suggests that COSI invites SCIFA to ensure that the actions developed under the OAPs are taken into account in the implementation of the EU Action Plan on Migratory Pressures and in the biannual updating of the list of actions.

To that end, it is strongly recommended that the responsible parties ("guardian angels") that will monitor the various challenges of the EU Action coordinate and cooperate with the drivers and co-drivers of the relevant OAPs:

- for the OAP "Illegal immigration", the driver is IT and co-driver is Frontex (participants are BG, EL, ES, CY, LV, HU, MT, AT, PL, RO, SI, SK, FI, UK, HR, Europol, Eurojust and CEPOL)
- for the OAP "Trafficking in Human Beings", the driver is UK and co-driver is NL (participants are BE, BG, CY, DK, DE, ES, IT, LT, LU, HU, AT, RO, SI, SK, Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL and Frontex)
- for the OAP "Western Balkans", the driver is IT and co-drivers are AT and HU (participants are BE, DK, DE, RO, SI, SK, UK, NO, HR, CH, Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL and Frontex).
