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NOTE

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to: Law Enforcement Working Party

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Subject: Results of the ENLETS meeting held on the 18-19 September 2012 in Cyprus

The European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS) was created upon the initiative of the French Presidency in 2008 with the objective of discussing and sharing in an informal manner their experiences relating to the use of new technologies by law enforcement agencies.

In 2011 an initiative aiming to explore the improvement of the functioning of this network was taken and at the ENLETS meeting on 27-28 February 2012 in Copenhagen it was agreed to establish a core group to lead this network. Belgium, Greece, France, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Poland, Finland and the United Kingdom joined the group¹. The first task for the core group was to prepare a "cooperation opportunity aim" to be adopted at the ENLETS meeting on 18-19 September 2012 in Cyprus. At this meeting , a new vision and mission for ENLETS was suggested:

¹ For detailed results of this meeting refer to doc. 7045/12 ENFOPOL 49.

Vision

- ENLETS will be the leading European platform that strengthens law enforcement cooperation and bridges the gap between users and providers of law enforcement technology.

Mission

- ENLETS supports front line policing and the fight against serious and organised crime by gathering user requirements, scanning and raising awareness of new technology and best practices, benchmarking and giving advice. It is active in joint initiatives, sharing information and networking between law enforcement agencies, industry and research organisations. It is a point of contact to access European law enforcement technical organisations.

In attachment delegations will find the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting. The Law Enforcement Working Party is invited to take note of these minutes and endorse the conclusions.

Minutes ENLETS meeting, 18-19 September 2012, Larnaca

Participants: representatives from 19 Member States (DK, CY, PL, NL, NL, AT, BE, FI, EE, FR, DE, HU, IT, LU, PT, RO, IE, ES and UK) and Europol.

Summary

Day 1:

On behalf of the Cyprus Presidency, Dr. Loizos Prastitis, welcomed the participants and the agenda of the meeting was adopted.

The Chief of Cyprus Police, Mr. Michael Papageorgiou gave a brief welcoming speech, followed by a brief introduction of the organisation of the Cyprus Police.

The Core Group leader, Mr Patrick Padding (NL), presented the proposed cooperation opportunity aim. He mentioned among others, the new vision and mission, the role of the NCPs, the technology scope and the relationship between the core group and the Presidency. Following a discussion, the members of ENLETS agreed on the above mentioned cooperation opportunity aim, which includes a better relationship with the Member States by informing and cooperating more with the HENUs (Heads of Europol National Units).

Mr. Dirk Wolber from EUROPOL presented the EPE (Europol Platform of Experts) which is now fully operational and ready for use. Mr Wolber invited all ENLETS members to request access to the EPE by sending an email to him and invited the members of the NCPs to join the upcoming EPE training sessions at EUROPOL on 17-18 October or 21-22 of November 2012 by also sending an email to C2@europol.europa.eu. It should be noted that this particular training is not necessary for a normal user to access/use the EPE, but the training gives a full inside into the technical possibilities of an expert user.

Then a presentation on Technology for Police cars was given by Dr. Loizos Prastitis, that is an integrated system of GPS, ANPR, CCTV/DVR and Navigation.

Mr. Patrick Padding gave an overview of the funding possibilities through various EU programmes. The members of ENLETS agreed that the currently open call for framework partners in the ISEC programme was most suitable for the support of sharing best practices and cooperation between the Member States. The framework partners (NL, UK and RO) would submit a proposal in October 2012.

Dr. Mark Stroud (UK) gave a presentation on “Horizon Scanning and Technology watch” and asked for participation from other ENLETS members.

Finally a presentation on Mobile Data Extraction was given by Mr. Chris Christofi from Cyprus Police.

Day 2:

A number of presentations on various technology researches was given as follows:

- Presentation SignalGenerix – Dr. Tasos Kounoudes
- Presentation CNE Technology Center – Dr. Panayiotis Philimis
- Presentation University of Nicosia – Dr. Stelios Neophytou
- Presentation Hellas Sat – Dr. Konstantinos Kassianides

Breakout Sessions

The participants of the meeting discussed in breakout sessions the role and tasks of National Contact Points. Particularly the following issues were addressed;

- What would be the role and task of a NCP?
- Who needs to be informed (and how) in each country about ENLETS?
- How much time should be spent on this task?

Conclusions

As a result of the discussions, the participants reached an agreement on the following:

1. the adoption of the cooperation opportunity aim
2. the identification of seven priority areas together with the responsibilities of NCP's (annex 1)
3. the invitation to all ENLETS members to request access to the EPE

4. the definition of the role and tasks of the NCP's (annex 2)
5. the compilation of contributions to the questionnaire (doc. 15546/12)
6. that a proposal for funding be submitted before 12 October 2012
7. the organisation of a pre-meeting for the next Presidency in Ireland
8. a presentation by the ENLETS Core Group to be given to the HENUs in order to increase participation
9. an invitation to the LEWP to encourage currently non participating Member States to join ENLETS
10. to consider using a logo for promoting ENLETS.

Annex 1

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Aim</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Leading NCP</i>	<i>Level</i>
ANPR systems	Exchanging information in a wider group to define do's and don'ts and potential partners	CY, RO, DK, FR, UK, NL CZ, IE and IT	CY	COTS
UAV		SE, CY, NL, FI, UK,	NL	Co creation/cots
OSINT		RO, DK, DE, UK and NL	RO	Research
Covert listening	Exchanging info and joining running project	PL, NL and UK	NL	COTS
ISINT		UK, DK, RO and NL	RO	Research
Remote Vehicle stopping		UK, NL, FR	UK	COTS Co creation Research
Protective vest/materials and non lethal weapons		DE FR UK	FR	

The first step is to get the right people to talk to each other.

The second step is to assess the content of the challenge/project.

The third step is to make a report/proposal to the core group.

Presentation of the progress in Ireland

Annex 2

Role and tasks of the NCPs:

- guaranteeing the transfer of relevant information to other competent national desks interested in cooperating with ENLETS;
- having a good view on national Law Enforcement needs with regards to new technologies, and eventually match these with existing best practices and/or needs or offers from other Member States;
- monitor EU funding opportunities for new technologies;
- monitor and update the information uploaded in the ENLETS Platform of Experts created by Europol;
- notifying the new needs (requirements) by a given deadline when requested by the Presidency or as defined in the Work Programme;
- sharing “technology watch” information through the ENLETS Platform (conferences, meetings, information regarding new offers on the market, etc.);
- promote ENLETS nationally and internationally, communicate its work and benefits and personally support the delivery of its mission and vision.
- Communicate and coordinate with relevant national actors important for the work of ENLETS, e.g. the Head of Delegation of the Law Enforcement Working Party ;
- Coordinate with the national representative in the Prevention of and Fight against Crime (ISEC) Committee and the national representative for Security of the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and Horizon 2020.

Times to spend

- estimated time for starting up ranging from 10 to 25 % (more in the starting up).
 - Core group and Presidency : higher.
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