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**From:** Presidency  
**To:** Working Group on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX)  
**Subject:** The Future of the Information Management Strategy - 2014 and beyond  
- Discussion paper

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On 30 November 2009, the Council approved Conclusions on an Information Management Strategy (IMS) for EU internal security<sup>1</sup>. The IMS was adopted and should be implemented "with a view to supporting, streamlining and facilitating the management of information necessary to the competent authorities to ensure the EU internal security and public protection." The authorities concerned were essentially law enforcement authorities, authorities responsible for border management and judicial authorities dealing with criminal matters.

The IMS focus was on how information availability and exchange had to be achieved. It was aimed at providing "guidance on how to translate business needs into structures and content", and contained "under a number of focus areas the strategic goals to be achieved by 2014 or beyond". The strategy was complemented by an action list defining concrete goals to be achieved, processes, roles and deadlines. So far three action lists with a life-span of 18 months each were issued<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 16637/09 JAI 873 CATS 131 ASIM 137 JUSTCIV 249 JURINFO 145

<sup>2</sup> 6660/10 JAI 154 CATS 20 ASIM 29 JURINFO 2; 12002/1/11 REV 1 JAI 442 CATS 56

At the time of adopting the IMS, it was set out that the strategy "can be further developed and updated as the overarching vision develop or changes" and suggested to review the strategy by the end of 2014.

Consequently, the Presidency suggests to start discussions on the opportunity and content of an updated EU Information Management Strategy (IMS) on the basis of the questions set out below:

1. To what extent did the current IMS achieve its strategic goals? Was it applied to its full scope?
2. Were the practical principles and the focus areas of the current IMS realistic, both for national and EU level?
3. To what degree did the implementation of the IMS meet your expectations?
4. How would you assess the role of DAPIX for implementing the IMS through the action lists?
5. If you think that the IMS should be revised: which elements should be amended?
6. What could be improved in the strategy to help further the IXP, EIXM, the business driven and cost effective development and management of IT?

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