



Minutes Informal Working Group on PNR June 20 and 21 2017 The Hague

Tuesday, June 20th 2017 – National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV)

Introduction chair

Taking into consideration the rules of procedure we agreed upon in 2016 the aim of the Informal Working Group on PNR is to share knowledge and expertise regarding the implementation of the PNR Directive and allow the alignment of initiatives.

The format of this 2 day Informal Working Group was established as requested by its members during the last IWG meeting in March 2017, granting more focus on content along the lines of the different sub-working groups. Under these circumstances, today's focus is mainly on ensuring coherence in initiatives like DAPIX, Frontex and single window initiatives. Accordingly, the break-out sessions of the second day of this meeting will enable the members of the IWG to have more in depth discussions on topics they determined themselves and should help the subgroup leaders shape an action plan for the upcoming year.

The European commission has informed the chair that due to technical problems the beneficiary of the ISF call on Interoperability could not yet be published.

Presentation on the EPE Rover by Europol

The Europol Platform for Experts (EPE) Rover was formally launched during the previous Informal Working Group meeting held in Brussels in March 2017. This as a direct response to the IWG-PNR members identifying the need to create a centralized space for experience sharing and policy updates. The platform is managed by the Secretariat of the Informal Working Group on PNR, at Europol.

Today, EPE Rover has 128 participants, with representatives involved in the implementation of the PNR Directive from all the European Union member states. The platform also has members representing the United States of America, European Commission and Europol. In only four months, there are over 1500 views on the message forum, showing the potential of this tool assisting with the exchange of best practices and facilitating discussions within a secure online environment.

There was a suggestion by the IWG-PNR Chair that a page dedicated to PNR relevant international institutions, e.g. UN, would be added as to allow for IWG-PNR members to remain updated on ongoing and new PNR initiatives on global level.

Presentation PNRDEP conclusions by Hungary

After three data exchange simulations that took place from December 2016 until May 2017 the PNRDEP closing conference was held on 7 and 8 June. The final report is expected to become available on June 30.



Presentation on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) by Europol

A brief update was provided by Europol on a recent Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) EMPACT meeting, during which the importance of using travel data for the combatting of CSE was discussed.

Single Window Initiatives

The chair considers that there are many single window initiatives, which should be aligned as to avoid unnecessary duplicity in their objectives. IATA, Luxembourg, commercial companies and soon EU-LISA are working on different initiatives that could have similar purposes.

Presentation on the IATA single window initiative by France

IATA has been working on a project called PNR Clearing House for a long time and information on this initiative is made public on their website monthly. The solution enhances a single point of contact, reducing the number of push notifications and is valid only for PNR data, not API. The costs are covered by the industry and the solution is expected to be ready by the end of 2017.

Presentation on a commercial single window solution by Luxembourg

Luxembourg explains the project they are involved in with a commercial partner. The project aims to create a gateway in the middle to centralize all the different data flows from the air carriers to the Member States and offers some additional functionalities. The development has begun in June and it is expected to become operational at the December 2017.

Tuesday, June 21th 2017 – Europol's headquarter

Opening chair

All subgroup leaders prepared working sessions. Members will join the, beforehand chosen, first working session in the morning and will switch to another subject in the afternoon. In the afternoon the conclusions of the morning session will be reviewed by the second group.

Presentation on Airline Action days by Europol

Europol provided a presentation on the Airline Action Days initiative, which is conducted in partnership with airline, travel and credit card industries to combat online fraud involving stolen or fake credit card data to purchase plane tickets. It has been highlighted that there is a potential to further develop this know-how into actions to assist in the fight against illegal immigration, terrorism and serious organized crime.

Subgroup working sessions

Two subgroup workshops were conducted focusing on interoperability, operational, and carrier connection aspects of PIU cooperation. Each of the sub-working groups presented their main outcomes during the closing plenary session. It was also agreed to continue cooperating with the appropriate decision making



bodies and entities within the EU Institutions as they will be the appropriate bodies for formal decision making within the remit of PIU cooperation within the EU.

Next chair (Germany)

Germany will be the next chair of the Informal Working Group for following year. It is expected that the next IWG-PNR meeting will take place in September. This meeting will be co-organised with outgoing chair NL.