



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 20 July 2010

12347/10

**ENFOPOL 215
COMIX 521**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Law Enforcement Working Party (Mixed Committee EU/Iceland, Norway,
Switzerland and Liechtenstein)

on: 9 July 2010

Subject: Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3835/10 with the addition of a new agenda point 5 (which was originally included in the agenda of the LEWP) and with the addition of information points by the DE delegation and the Presidency under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency:

- Results of the Radio Communications Experts meeting (Brussels, 18 June 2010)

The Presidency informed the delegations about the Radio Communications Experts meeting, which took place on 18 June 2010. The delegations were reminded to send their comments regarding the reports of the two project groups (ISI and Forerunners) by 12 July 2010. The Presidency announced that the next meeting of Radio Communications Experts will be held on 5-6 October 2010.

3. Proposal to amend the European Best Practice Guidelines for Police and Customs Cooperation Centres; analysis of cross-border crime

The Presidency presented its initiative to amend the European Best Practice Guidelines for Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCCs) by drafting a new annex to this document describing the ways in which the PCCCs enrich the analysis of cross-border crime. The delegations were invited to send their written comments on the proposal as set out in doc. 11770/10 ENFOPOL 194 ENFOCUSTOM 64 FRONT 100 COMIX 467 by 22 July 2010.

The Presidency also informed the meeting about its intention to organise a seminar on the relation between PCCCs and Europol as well as other bodies on 27 October 2010.

4. Joint police operation on illegal immigration (HERMES)

Delegations took note of the presentation given by the BE delegation on a joint police operation (JPO) on illegal immigration (HERMES) aiming to visualise the flows of illegal immigration inside the EU and to promote the concerted functioning of the European networks of AQUAPOL, RAILPOL and TISPOL. The BE delegation presented the ongoing analytical phase of the project and invited the delegations to inform the Presidency of their intentions to participate in the operational phase of this JPO by 20 July 2010. A final report of the operation would be submitted to the LEWP and SCIFA in December 2010. On the basis of the results of this operation the future HU Presidency is expected to develop project MITRAS.

5. Role of Europol in the information exchange on modus operandi of organised criminal groups involved in the forging of identity and travel documents (doc. 8131/1/10 REV 1)

A representative of Europol informed that some Member States are interested in exchanging information on modus operandi of organised criminal groups involved in the forging of identity and travel documents. This issue could be dealt with in the AWF "Checkpoint" but Europol needs a formal request to start cooperating with the Member States.

Several delegations expressed support for involving Europol in this kind of cooperation. The DE and CZ delegations entered positive scrutiny reservations.

The Presidency concluded that it will prepare the formal request to Europol subject to the lifting of the scrutiny reservations.

6. Any other business

- Troublemakers' travel movements and EPRIS

The DE delegation opposed the merging of the topic of "violent travelling offender" and the study on the European Police Records Index System (EPRIS).

A Commission representative took note of the DE position and explained that all options in the study on EPRIS are still open.

- The upcoming events of the Belgian Presidency

The Presidency informed the delegations about the upcoming first meeting of the Management Services Liaison Officers on 12 July 2010.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3835/10 with the deletion of part of point 8 and the addition of information points by the NL and HU delegations under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

- Meeting for European Firearms Experts (EFE)

The Presidency informed the delegations that an EFE meeting will be organised on 29 September 2010.

- Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) (Brussels, 17 June 2010)

The ES delegation presented the results of the ENPPF meeting and reminded the delegations to send their written comments on the restructuring of the network and on the manual of best practices by 29 July 2010.

The ES delegation, which chairs the ENPPF in the 2nd semester 2010, would consult the BE Presidency on the possibility to organise the next meeting of ENPPF in the premises of the Council in December 2010. The HU delegation welcomed the efforts made by ES and stated that it would continue the work of the ENPPF during its Presidency.

- Other seminars and conferences

The Presidency informed the delegations about other meetings that the Presidency intends to organise, in particular the conferences on the prevention of radicalisation on 22-23 September 2010 and on the prevention of vehicle crime on 8-10 November 2010.

3. Proposal for the creation of a European Network on Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST)

The Presidency presented the proposal for the creation of ENFAST as set out in doc. 11748/10 ENFOPOL 193 and suggested organising the first conference of national contact points (NCPs) on 9-10 September 2010. On the basis of the results of this conference, a draft Council Resolution on the creation of ENFAST and an application for EU funding (under ISEC Programme) would be prepared. The BE delegation also expressed its willingness to host the secretariat of ENFAST during its first 2 years to ensure the administrative support to the network.

Delegations in general supported the proposal. Opinions were exchanged about the possible relations of ENFAST with Interpol and the possible involvement of the General Secretariat of the Council.

4. Tackling illegal international waste transports (project AUGIAS): information on the practical training seminar (Brussels, May 2010)

The BE delegation presented an overview of the AUGIAS practical training seminar which was held in May 2010 and informed the meeting that the operation within the framework of AUGIAS will be organised in autumn 2010, followed by an experts' conference in March 2011 in Budapest.

5. European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS)

The Presidency informed the meeting that it will organise a conference of ENLETS on 22-24 September 2010. A report of this conference would be submitted to the LEWP in October 2010.

6. Proposal for the creation of a European Network of Airport Police Organisations (AIRPOL)

The Presidency presented a proposal to create AIRPOL in order to enhance the overall security in the EU airports and in the civil aviation domain. The activities of AIRPOL would include high impact cross-border actions, the set up of a permanent office and the creation of a secure information exchange system.

The first plenary congress of AIRPOL will be organised on 20-21 October 2010. On the basis of the results of the congress a draft Council Resolution on the creation of AIRPOL as well as an application for EU funding (under ISEC Programme) would be prepared.

7. Guide for Joint Police Operations (JPO): doc. 10928/10 JAI 530 COSI 37 ENFOPOL 162

The Presidency presented its proposal to draw up a guide for Joint Police Operations based on the example of the Guide for Joint Customs Operations. The Presidency explained that the guide would be prepared by an experts' group, the creation of which was supported by COSI. Delegations were invited to nominate their experts to take part in this group (on a voluntary basis) by 22 July 2010. The Presidency explained that the work of the experts' group is likely to continue under the HU Presidency. The first meeting is expected to take place in September 2010.

The SE, FR, DE, NL and PL delegations as well as Europol expressed their preliminary interest to participate in the work of the experts' group. FRONTEX and FI had already informed the Presidency of their interest in participating in this expert group.

Delegations discussed the scope of operations to be covered by the guide.

8. Europol related matters

- **An OC-SCAN Threat notice on the illegal trafficking in and internal circulation of heavy fire arms in the European Union: presentation by Europol of the results of the Belgian request to Europol**

A representative of Europol presented the outcome of the study on the illegal trafficking in and internal circulation of heavy fire arms in the EU.

The NL delegation welcomed the initiative to discuss this subject and stressed the need to elaborate an overall picture of illegal trafficking of fire arms.

The Presidency reminded that this subject will be further discussed in the European Firearms Experts meeting on 29 September 2010.

- **Draft Council Decision concerning the Europol pension fund: impact assessment (doc. 10357/1/10 REV 1 EUROPOL 22)**

A representative of Europol presented an explanatory note to the proposal to amend the Council Act of 12 March 1999 adopting rules on the Europol Pension Fund as set out in doc. 11950/10 EUROPOL 27.

The Presidency invited the delegations to present their written comments by 22 July 2010.

9. Any other business

- Seminar on operation RADAR

The NL delegation informed the meeting about a seminar to be held on operation RADAR on 13 September 2010 and invited the delegations to send their registration forms by 23 July 2010.

- Project proposal on the international fight against drugs criminality

The HU delegation informed the meeting about the project proposal on the international fight against drugs criminality and invited the delegations wishing to participate in the project to send their partnership declarations by 20 July 2010.
