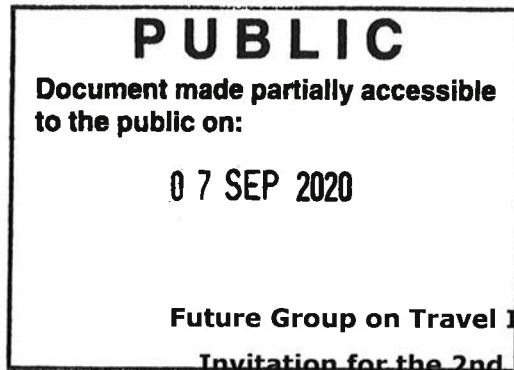


The Hague/Warsaw, 9 October 2019

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Dear <name>,

By means of this letter, we would like to inform you about the upcoming workshop on the use of travel intelligence and border management information for the strengthening of internal security and enforcement of border and migration regimes. This workshop will take place on 21 and 22 October 2019 at the Headquarters of Europol in The Hague, The Netherlands. It will start on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October at 11:00 and is expected to end the following day at around 16:30.

The workshop is the second one of a series that are organised as part of an initiative called "The Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management", established jointly by Frontex and Europol. The objective of this Future Group is to realise operational benefits from recent legislative measures related to Smart Borders, Interoperability and Passenger Name Records (PNR).

The series of workshops, hosted alternately at Frontex and Europol Headquarters, are aimed at stimulating discussions among representatives from different competent authorities dealing with border and migration management, customs, and criminal investigations at national and international level. Hopefully, those discussions will lead to practical opportunities for making optimal use of the available information and strengthening operational partnerships across areas of competence, resulting in a better prevention, detection, and investigation of illegal migration, serious crime, and terrorism.

The first workshop was intended to obtain a good overview of the changes and opportunities that stem from the collection of legislative measures, such as the Advance Passenger Information (API) and PNR Directives, the Interoperability Regulations as well as the establishment of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the European Travel information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).

The results of that first workshop have been used to identify the topics for further discussion at the subsequent workshops. With the topics for the Workshop of 21 and 22 October 2019 in mind, we, on behalf of Europol and Frontex, would like to invite you to take part and contribute to the discussions appreciating your specific knowledge and expertise.

For representatives from Member States' competent authorities, the expenses for travel and accommodation will be reimbursed by Europol. Only one representative per country can be funded. To facilitate your decision on accepting this invitation, we have attached the outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop, the draft agenda of the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop, and the Terms of Reference.

Confirmation will be highly appreciated ultimately **by 10 October 2019** before midnight by registration via the following link:

<https://www.eventsforce.net/europol/2482/home>

The **entry code for registration** is: KJGF45D59863(\*#)

This registration also initiates the process for the booking of travel and accommodation.

We hope this letter with its attachments provides sufficient information to accept our invitation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [REDACTED] or via [REDACTED].

We hope that you will join the workshop and look forward to our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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