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Content

The current document is to replace the addendum to the Schengen police cooperation handbook which set out the lists of Member States' and Europol liaison officers as well as practical information on the liaison bureaux at Europol. (8698/08 ENFOPOL 81 COMIX 330 ADD 3).

It therefore contains these same lists but also the list of contact points for the common use of liaison officers posted abroad (previously included in document 8698/08 ADD 2), and an introduction about the use and cooperation of liaison officers.

Drafting process

As the Schengen police cooperation handbook (doc. 10694/07) will be replaced by a manual on cross-border operations and a manual on information exchange, it was considered more practical to have a separate document on liaison officers rather than adding it to either of these two manuals.

Next to the lists set out in the addendum, an introductory part has been included briefly explaining the available legal texts and highlighting some good practices already identified (cf. doc. 14893/08 JAI 581 RELEX 821).

The list of sending authorities of liaison officers at the Europol Liaison Bureaux has been included along with the list with contact details of these Bureaux.

The list of "Member States that have been given responsibility for the coordination of the EU cooperation in a particular country or region"¹ has been completed following the discussion by the Police Chiefs on this subject (cf. document ENFOPOL 134 JAIEX 33).

The highlighting in the text indicates where hyperlinks will be included.

Delegations are invited to transmit the document to their relevant authorities for their information. Any further updates can be sent to pcwp@consilium.europa.eu and will be taken into account in the 2010 update.

¹ Cf. Article 1(4) of Council Decision 2006/560/JHA of 24 July 2006 amending Decision 2003/170/JHA on the common use of liaison officers posted abroad by the law enforcement agencies of the Member States.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Available legal texts

Secondment of liaison officers

Article 47 of the [Schengen Convention](#)² provides that Member States “*may conclude bilateral agreements providing for the secondment, for a specified or unspecified period, of liaison officers from one [Member] State to the police authorities of another [Member] State*”.

The secondment of liaison officers described in the current manual is the secondment not related to a specific event.

It does not concern the posting of liaison officers to another Member States for assistance during a specific event or period pursuant to Article 46 of the Schengen Convention, Article 18 of the “[Prüm Council Decision](#)”³ and bilateral agreements further developing these provisions. More details about such secondments can be found in the “[Football Handbook](#)”⁴ and in the [Council Recommendation of 6 December 2007 concerning a Handbook for police and security authorities concerning cooperation at major events with an international dimension](#)⁵.

The task of liaison officers shall be to advise and assist. Article 47 of the Schengen Convention specifies that such secondments are “*intended to further and accelerate cooperation, particularly by providing assistance*

- (a) *in the form of the exchange of information for the purposes of combating crime by means of both prevention and law enforcement*
- (b) *in executing requests for mutual police and judicial assistance in criminal matters*
- (c) *with the tasks carried and by the authorities responsible for external border surveillance.”*

² Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 19 June 1990 (CISA). The text of the CISA is published in [OJ L 239 of 22.9.2000, p. 19](#).

³ Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008, published in [OJ L 210 of 6.8.2008, p. 1](#).

⁴ Council Resolution concerning an updated handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved, published in [OJ C 322 of 29.12.2006, p. 1](#).

⁵ [OJ C 314 of 22.12.2007, p. 4](#).

According to Article 47, liaison officers shall not be empowered to execute autonomously any police measures. They shall supply information and shall discharge their duties on the instructions issued to them by the Member State which they come from and by the Member State to which they are seconded.

Cooperation between liaison officers

The provision of the Schengen Convention that liaison officers from one Member State may also represent the interests of one or more other Member States has been further developed by the **Council Decision on the common use of liaison officers posted abroad by the law enforcement agencies of the Member States**⁶ (amended in 2006⁷).

The above-mentioned Decisions also provide for the improvement of cooperation between liaison officers of different Member States in their place of secondment.

Such cooperation is already in place in different formats, ranging from informal meetings to more regular and formally convened meetings (e.g. in Moscow and Zagreb). At different instances, it has been stressed that this cooperation should be encouraged and should not only depend on the initiative of the Member States holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU.

1.2 Good practices to foster cooperation between liaison officers

Based on past and on-going experiences in different host countries and with a view to achieving greater pooling of Member States' activities vis-à-vis third countries in terms of both the work of the liaison officers and technical cooperation, some good practices have been identified which are set out below.

It is suggested that the Member States' liaison officers and their relevant authorities apply these whenever appropriate.

With a view to improving the cooperation among liaison officers and assisting Member States in requesting or offering representation by a liaison officer of another Member State, Member States are to inform each other of their secondments of liaison officers.

⁶ Council Decision 2003/170/JHA of 27 February 2003, published in **OJ L 67 of 12.3.2003, p. 27**.

⁷ Council Decision 2006/560/JHA of 24 July 2006, published in **OJ L 219 of 10.8.2006, p. 31**.

To that end, the current document sets out a **list of Member States' postings of liaison officers** as well as the **list of national contact points** referred to in Article 7 of the 2003 Council Decision. Member States should send the appropriate information to keep these lists up-to-date (via pcwp@consilium.europa.eu).

Organisation of meetings of liaison officers:

Member States' liaison officers stationed in a third country/a specific region or posted to the same international organisation should meet regularly or when necessary to exchange relevant information.

These meetings shall be convened either at the initiative of the EU Presidency (liaison officer) or of the Member State that has agreed to take on responsibility for coordination of EU cooperation in a particular country or region or of any other Member State.

Currently, the following Member States have agreed to take such a "lead role":

Region/Third country	Lead MS	Assisted by
China (in the fight against organised crime)	IT	
Central Asia region (in the fight against drug trafficking)	IT	
Western African countries	FR	IT
Republic of Moldova	AT	
Turkey	HU	
Kosovo	IT	

The meetings should be organised on a regular and flexible basis, ideally in accordance with agendas focusing on thematic priorities shared by Member States present in the country/region concerned or on purely operational subject areas.

The advice of the Police Chiefs might be asked prior to such meetings.

Participation in the liaison officers meetings

Next to the liaison officers posted in the country/region, it is suggested to open such meetings to observers of Member States which do not have any liaison officers in the region in question.

It can also be useful to allow the partners of the host State to comment at the beginning of each meeting regarding the items on the agenda. The liaison officers can then use those comments as a basis for discussing possible solution.

Where appropriate, the Commission and Europol must be invited to these meetings but it is encouraged to consider the participation of Frontex and Interpol as well.

Pooling of technical and training cooperation activities:

The pooling of technical and training cooperation activities is an extension of the pooling of liaison officers. It should prevent superfluous activities while maintaining Member States' entitlement to develop bilateral activities.

In order to avoid "cooperation shopping" on the part of the beneficiary countries, liaison officers should timely be consulted on the definition and programming of bilateral technical and training cooperation. Such prior consultation would achieve economy, increased efficiency and greater overall consistency. The final discussion on granting of training and equipment assistance is up to the competent body of the Member States.

The programming of such activities, *inter alia* in the field of training, may also support the operational priorities defined either at the meeting of liaison officers or by the JHA Council.

The pooling of technical and training cooperation activities will also facilitate large-scale activities, which could benefit from assistance from European funds.

2. Contact points for the common use of liaison officers posted abroad⁸

MS	SERVICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	FAX	MAIL
BE	Police fédérale - service CGO Direction de la collaboration policière opérationnelle	rue Fritz Toussaint 8 1050 Brussels	32 2 644 86 41	32 2 508 76 50	dsoliaqua@skynet.be
BG	Directorate International Operative Police Co- operation – SIRENE department	29 “6-th septemvri” str. 1000 Sofia	359 2 982 43 51	359 2 980 40 47	ncb@mvr.bg
CZ	Police Presidium of the Czech Republic International Relations Division	Strojnicka 27 P.O.Box 62/MPS 170 89 Praha 7	420 9748 34213	420 9748 34723	omv.pp@mvr.cz
	General Directorate of Customs / National Coordination Unit (for customs)	Budejovicka 7 140 96 Praha 4	420 2214 12389	420 2613 33800	operacni@cs.mfcr.cz
DK	Danish National Police, National Communications Centre	Polititorvet 14, 1780 Copenhagen V	45 4515 4200	45 3332 2771	NEC@politi.dk
DE	Bundeskriminalamt – IK13 (Federal Criminal Police Office)	Postfach 440660 12006 Berlin	49 30 5361 26759	49 30 5361 27600	ik13@bka.bund.de
	Bundespoliepräsidium	Heinrich-Mann-Allee 103 14473 Potsdam	49 331 97997 0	49 331 97997 1010	bpolp@polizei.bund.de
	Zollkriminalamt – Referat III6 (for customs)	Bergisch Gladbacher Strasse 837 51069 Köln	49 221 672 4090	49 221 672 4810	III6@zka.bfinv.de
EE	Central Criminal Police, Criminal Intelligence Department	Tööstuse 52 10416 Tallinn	372 612 3810	372 612 3812	interpol@kkp.pol.ee ; europol@kkp.pol.ee
EL	Ministry of Interior Hellenic Police Headquarters International Police Cooperation Division 1 st Section European Union – International Relationships and Police Missions	4, P. Kanellopoulou ave. 10177 Athens	30 210 6977 562 30 210 6977 563	30 210 692 4006	registry@ipcd.gr
ES	Ministry of Home Affairs: Secretary of State for Security Deputy Directorate for International Police Cooperation	C/ Amador de los Ríos, 2 28071 Madrid	34 91 537 20 92 34 91 537 20 93	34 91 537 20 64	cpi@mir.es
FR	Service de Coopération Technique International de Police, Permanence H24	101, rue des Trois Fontanot 92000 Nanterre	33 1 4097 8675	33 1 4097 8212	h24.sctip@interieur.gouv.fr

⁸ Art. 7 of the Council Decision 2003/170/JHA, list published in [OJ C 29, 3.2.04, p.5.](#)

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IE	International Coordination Unit, Liaison & Protection	Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8	353 1 6662 704 353 1 6662 705 353 1 6662 706 353 1 6662 707	353 1 6662 734	gicu@iol.ie
IT	Servizio per la Cooperazione Internazionale di Polizia	via Torre di Mezzavia 9/121 01173 Rome	39 06 4654 2151	39 06 4654 2526	sdeangelis@dcpc.interno.it
CY	Ministry of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus Police Headquarters, European Union and International Police Cooperation Directorate Interpol National Bureau	1478 Nicosia	357 2280 8369	357 22808605	cyinterpol@police.gov.cy cypcb@police.gov.cy
LV	International Cooperation Department of Central Criminal Police Department of State Police of Latvia	Ciekurkalna 1.linija 1 K-4, 1026 Riga	371 67829535 371 67829407	371 67829532	ssp@vp.gov.lv
LT	Police Department under the MoI International Cooperation Board	Saltoniskiu 19 08105 Vilnius	370 5 271 9944	370 5 271 9963	tbv@policija.lt
LU	Direction Générale de la Police G.-D. Service des Relations Internationales	2957 Luxembourg	352 49 9720 73	352 49 9720 79	bdljai@police.etat.lu
HU	Hungarian National Police – Criminal Directorate, International Law Enforcement Cooperation Centre	Teve utca 4-6 1139 Budapest	36 1 443 5557	36 1443 5815	europol@nebek.police.hu
MT	The International Relations Unit Malta Police Force	Police General Headquarters St. Calcidonio Square 2000 Floriana VLT	356 2294 2113	356 2122 3376	sirene.police@gov.mt
NL	National Police Agency, International Police Services (KLPD/DINPOL)	P.O. Box 3016 2700 KX Zoetermeer	31 79 345 9911	31 79 345 8753	unoe@klpd.politie.nl uzwe@klpd.politie.nl ube@klpd.politie.nl
AT	Bundesministerium für Inneres, Abteilung I/4, Internationale Angelegenheiten	Postfach 100 Herrengasse 7 1014 Wien	43 1 53126-3511	43 1 53126 3236	BMI-I-4@bmi.gv.at
PL	General Headquarters of the Police Bureau of International Police Cooperation	National Police Headquarters 148/150 Pulawska str. 02-624 Warsaw	48 2260 136 40 48 667 631 325	48 2260 132 37	ncbwarsaw@policja.gov.pl

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PT	Direcção Geral Administração Interna Ministério Administração Interna	Praça do Comércio 1149-015 Lisboa	351 21 3232 069	351 21 3236 311	pcaldas@sg.mai.gov.pt
	Departamento Central de Cooperação Internacional da Polícia Judiciária (DCCI: Central Department for International Cooperation of the Criminal Police)	Rua Gomes Freire nº 213 1150-178 Lisboa	351 21 3595 801	351 21 3151 249	dcci.dir@pj.pt
RO	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform / DG European Affairs and International Relations	1A, Piata Revolutiei, sector 1, 010086 Bucharest	40 21 312 41 02	40 21 314 74 22 40 21 311 35 55	diri@mira.gov.ro
SI	Ministry of the Interior, Police, General Police Directorate, Criminal Police Directorate, International Police Co-operation Section	Štefanova 2 1501 Ljubljana	386 1 428 48 35 386 1 251 76 40	386 1 251 7516 386 1 428 48 36	sirene.slovenija@policija.si
SK	Presidium of the Police Force Bureau for International Police Co-operation	Pribinova 2 812 72 Bratislava	421 9610 50097	421 9610 59129	polatt@minv.sk
FI	National Bureau of Investigation	POB 285 01301 Vantaa,	358 718 786 281	358 718 786 299	krp-rtp-vlp@tiimi.poliisi.fi
	National Board of Customs/Intelligence and Investigation Department	P.O.Box 512, 00101 Helsinki	358 20 492 2669	358 20 492 2020	virko@tulli.fi
SE	National Criminal Police IPO	POB 12256 10226 Stockholm	46 8 401 3700	46 8 651 4203	ipo@rkp.police.se
UK	Serious Organised Crime Agency International Crime	POB 8000 London SE11 5EN	44 20 7238 8115	44 20 7238 8112	london@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk
IC	Europol National Commissioner of Icelandic Police	Skúlagata 21 150 Reykjavík	354 444 2540	354 444 2541	international@rls.is
NO	National Criminal Investigation Service 24-h Desk, IFO	PO box 8163 Dep N-0034 Oslo	47 23208888	47 23208880	Post.kripos.desken@politiet.no
CH	Federal Office of Police/ fedpol Operations Center Commisariat Police Liaison Officer	Nussbaumstrasse 29 CH-3003 Bern	41 31 322 44 50	41 31 322 53 04	ez@fedpol.admin.ch

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