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ILECUS III - 4th Heads of ILECU Meeting

Belgrade, Serbia

From 27 to 29 August 2014: The main focus of the workshop was the further development of a ILECU network strategy. The goal of the meeting was to create a uniform idea of ILECU 2020 and to identify areas which need to be amended by strategically relevant steps. The prospective emphases are placed on organizational perspectives, the standardisation of the workflows and development of future activities. These activities should lead to a stabilisation of the ILECU network, its geographic expansion and increased awareness of the benefits of ILECU on national, regional and international levels.



ILECUS III - Meeting of the SEPCA General Assembly

The Hague, the Netherlands

23 September 2014: The meeting of the SEPCA General Assembly provided the opportunity for SEPCA to establish its objectives regarding the strengthening of the police cooperation in Southeast Europe and to become a stronger representative for the stability of the region. The members of the Strategy board presented to the General Assembly the new SEPCA Strategy for 2014-2017 and the two documents that will change the status of SEPCA: the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the SEPCA Guidelines. The MoU is foreseen to be

signed by the Chiefs of Police of SEPCA's member countries in November 2014 in Belgrade, Serbia. The project management announced also the next phase of SEPCA New, especially the preparation of the first Management Information System (MIS).



PCC SEE Secretariat - 2nd Meeting of the Thematic Working Group on JIT Expert Network within PCC SEE

Sofia, Bulgaria

4 and 5 September 2014: The 2nd Meeting of the Thematic Working Group on JIT Expert Network, convened under the auspices of the Bulgarian Chairmanship-in-Office, brought together representatives of the national law enforcement and judiciary bodies from the PCC SEE Contracting Parties experienced in the area of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs). The participants exchanged information on recent amendments to their respective national legislations in the area of JITs, shared lessons learned and practical advice based on experiences gained from JITs/parallel investigations, and discussed technical and legal obstacles encountered in JITs where a non-EU MS was involved. They also received valuable information from EUROPOL, EUROJUST and CEPOL on the agencies' support available to both EU MS and aspiring EU Candidate countries. Part of the meeting was dedicated also to operational discussions on investigations in the PCC SEE Contracting Parties.



PCC SEE Secretariat - 12th Meeting of the PCC SEE Expert Working Group

Sofia, Bulgaria

From 29 September to 1 October 2014: The 12th bi-annual meeting of the PCC SEE Expert Working Group, convened under the auspices of the Bulgarian Chairmanship-in-Office, was attended by nationally appointed members from all eleven PCC SEE Contracting Parties and representatives from EUROPOL, FEDPOL, DCAF, MARRI, RCC and ICITAP. Following a detailed overview of PCC SEE-related activities and the progress achieved since the group's last meeting in March 2014, the Contracting Parties prepared the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the Committee of Ministers, scheduled for 11 November 2014 in Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia. It was agreed that two main topics related to sustainability of the PCC SEE implementation process and to inclusive regional cooperation needed to be addressed. Among other issues, the upcoming Hungarian PCC SEE Chairmanship presented the activities to be implemented in the first half of 2015. The PCC Secretariat informed the participants on the ongoing ISEC project on "Developing E-Learning Modules on Cross-Border Police Cooperation Tools for Police Education", led by DCAF Ljubljana, and further presented an in-depth analysis of the survey on the state of play in the PCC SEE implementation.

IOM Capacity Trainings for Border Police Officials from the Region

Region

September 2014: Two-day trainings on joint patrols were organised four times for the border police officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia in Trebinje, and for the border officials from Albania, Kosovo* and Macedonia in Ohrid (Macedonia) and Igalo (Montenegro). Each of the trainings, which were held in border locations, was attended by thirty participants.



The trainings covered topics on, inter alia, border protection, existing legislation, the concept of integrated border management, the identification of victims of trafficking and risk analysis. Border police officials and a UNHCR representative facilitated the training by delivering lectures indoors and performing outdoor exercises.

OSCE Serbia completed delivering two training modules

Zlatibor, Serbia:

Started on 21 September:

6 and 7 May 2014: A *Training Course on Special Investigation Actions* was organised for Country representatives with a thorough background in special investigation actions. The aim of the training was to transfer relevant know-how and methodology in the areas of cross-border surveillance, controlled delivery and undercover investigations. Participants shared their experiences and best practices in these areas in order to further explore the possibilities for enhanced cross-border cooperation of law enforcement organisations.





and horizontal co-operation between different OSCE missions in the region.”

UNODC – WCO mentorship mission at the Port of Durres

Durres, Albania

22-25 September 2014: A UNODC-WCO expert visited the Port of Durres to provide technical assistance and offer advice to the Joint Port Control Team. Two days of presentation on theory were followed by small scale interactive exercises during which the joint team and the expert selected several containers based on risk indicators and profiling that were used as case studies on developing a strategy on container profiling.



OSCE Serbia donated hardware to Ministries of Interior

Region

Throughout August and September 2014: The OSCE Serbia organized and carried out the donation of six computers and one printer/scanner to the Ministries of Interior of Montenegro, Macedonia and Serbia, all of whom are partners to the regional project to improve the capacity of Criminal Investigation Directorates. Each country will nominate analysts who will receive the same equipment, software and hardware and undergo the same training programme with the aim of producing a standardized assessment report on the threat posed by organized crime in the three countries. “This project will provide significant assistance to all three participating countries on their way towards establishing a comprehensive approach to fighting transnational threats and organized crimes at the national and regional level”, said Viacheslav Vorobiev, Head of the Public Safety and Community Outreach Department of the OSCE Skopje. “It is also a good example of strategic co-operation between law enforcement agencies in South-East Europe



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SPCP Partners’ Forum - 2015

Belgrade, Serbia: Under the framework of the SPCP, a Partners’ Forum will be organized to allow implementing partners to exchange experiences, challenges and perspectives in project implementation. The SPCP Partners’ Forum aims to assess different approaches to the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of projects by SPCP partners

and to increase results orientation in different M&E approaches. Furthermore, by discussing the methods for measuring results, the Forum’s goal is to contribute to the improvement of results orientation in implementation and reporting in the second stage of the programme; thus ensuring the success of the SPCP and its objectives as a whole.