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Challenges to be met by an adequate information structure within the European Security Architecture

Abstract

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Requirements for an integrated European information architecture in the JHA Domain

Recent events have highlighted gaps in the exchange and follow-up of information between Member States. Authorities and front-line officers find themselves in a situation in which information - required for the fulfilment of their duties - is available fragmentarily through a plethora of data-sharing mechanisms which hampers effective follow-up.

During its EU presidency, the Netherlands addressed this situation in a discussion paper to the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) with the objective to provide strategic and operational direction towards improved information management and sharing. The requirements for an integrated European information architecture in the domain of Justice and Home Affairs were analysed, identifying trust, legal conditions, resources, capabilities and systems requirements as underpinning elements.

The COSI decided that based on the paper priorities have to be set for short, mid and long term actions. The most prominent notions adopted were improvement of data quality, focus on the end-users, no introduction of new tools but enhancing the interoperability and use of existing systems including single search facilities, relevant actors need access to relevant databases, privacy by design and training of Single Point of Contact (SPOCs).

First Chief Constable Akerboom will present in more detail the discussion paper, the COSI conclusions and the actions that lie ahead in the Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area.