

Europol Coordination of the JHA Agencies Network 2019

Proposed sub-topics for discussion during the working level meetings

Priority topic: **Engage in a joint strategic reflection on the role of JHA Agencies cooperation in the future development of the EU security architecture**

3 Working Group Meetings (2-3 topics per working level meeting, namely 6-9 topics in total for the whole year. Possibly, identify topics which might be closely connected)

Deliverable for each working level meeting:

- Draft a discussion paper for each topic for discussion containing guiding questions designed to:
 - Facilitate/stimulate debate among participants
 - Bring constructive input feeding the final strategy paper surrounding the priority topic.

Working level meetings for 2019

1st JHA Agencies Network meeting (expected on 27-28 February 2019):

- 1) Interoperability of EU information systems.
- 2) JHA agencies and the principle good governance
 - The use and role of data in the JHA area:
 - Data protection (E.g. focus on Repealing of **Regulation (EC) 45/2001** which lays down the rules for data protection in the EU institutions bringing it in line with the GDPR.)
 - How do agencies deal with transparency and access to documents requests Relations with private stakeholders?
- 3) Diversity and Inclusion (could be both a topic of a working level meeting and experts meeting*)
- 4) Corporate Social Responsibility of JHA Agencies with a focus on environment

2nd JHA Agencies Network meeting (expected on 19-20 June 2019):

- 5) Role and position of JHA agencies in the EU Security Landscape:
 - Identifying common objectives, challenges, and potential added value of inter-agency cooperation in JHA.
 - Is it possible to speak with a single voice to the EU institutions?
 - Discussion on relationship between agencies and EP (e.g. in the framework of LIBE, TERR, FEMM and other EP committees, etc.)
 - Discussion on possibilities and benefits of communicating with one voice vis-à-vis Commission (e.g. DG HOME, DG NEAR, DG JUST)
 - Discussion on possibilities and benefits of communicating with one voice vis-à-vis the Council WGs
 - Opportunities and challenges of 2019 elections for EU Internal Agenda on Security.

- 6) Interaction and possible synergies with EU "non JHA" Agencies and other EU Bodies (e.g.: how can we contribute together to the EU Internal Security)
 - Experiences of JHA Agencies of interaction with "non JHA" Agencies and other EU bodies in the implementation of their activities (e.g. EMSA, EFSA, EU SATCEN, etc.)
 - How to enhance cooperation?
- 7) JHA Agencies and their strategy towards Brexit.

3rd JHA network meeting (expected on 2-3 October 2019):

- 8) How JHA Agencies address innovation
 - JHA Agencies and the use of social media in the activities related to their mission and scope.
 - Public-private partnership: possibilities and experiences of JHA Agencies to engage with the private sector to implement their activities.
- 9) EU funding mechanisms/grants: opportunities and challenges
 - Challenges encountered by JHA Agencies in taking profit of EU funding opportunities
 - Strategies adopted by JHA Agencies in this context.
- 10) Wrap-up and discussions on the final strategy paper

Experts meetings for 2019 (dates to be decided)

- 1) ICT and cybersecurity (chaired by G5 in cooperation with CDBPM and C1)
- 2) Diversity and inclusion (chaired by G10 in cooperation with the Diversity and inclusion steering committee)*
- 3) Communication (chaired by G14 in cooperation with G21)
- 4) Training (Chaired by O53 in cooperation with C53 and CEPOL)
- 5) External Dimension (Chaired by G21 in cooperation with DG HOME and EEAS)