



Reinforcing police cooperation across Europe

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The Commission proposes a Police Cooperation Code for a stronger and more secure Europe

ADDRESSING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE EU



Reinforced
cross-border police
cooperation



More modern and
interoperable tools
for cross-border
information
exchange



- As crime has become more international, we need closer cross-border cooperation and more joint operations involving authorities of different EU countries
- About 200 operational actions to tackle organised and serious crime take place every year under the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats **(EMPACT)**
- Almost 70% of criminal networks are active in more than 3 Member States and around 65% of the criminal networks active in the EU are composed of members of multiple nationalities

The proposals include:

A POLICE COOPERATION CODE

- 1 Proposal for a Council Recommendation on operational police cooperation:**
 - Removal of technical, operational and legal barriers to cross-border police cooperation such as when carrying out hot pursuits and cross-border surveillance
 - More effective cooperation between police officers in joint operations and when acting in the territory of another Member State
- 2 Proposal for a Directive on information exchange between law enforcement authorities of Member States:**
 - National law enforcement authorities making national relevant information available to their counterparts in other Member States
 - Regulating the procedures and channels for information exchange

IN ADDITION,

- 3 Proposal for a Regulation on Automated Data Exchange for Police Cooperation:**
 - Modern information exchange with data quickly available to other Member States
 - Adding facial images of suspects and convicted criminals and police records to the available data under the automated data exchange framework

Example of how the automated data exchange framework (Prüm) helped to solve a crime:

After the knife attack in The Hague on 29 November 2019, the perpetrator fled having injured three people in the crowd. The knife used, which had been found on the scene of the attack, bore traces of DNA. A query of the automated databases of national DNA profiles revealed a match with a DNA profile in the French database allowing the suspect to be arrested.

