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Security Officers Network

Mandate

Introduction

Taking into consideration the Proposal 031/2014 for the establishment of Security Officers Network (SON), following the decision of the 7th meeting of the Management Board of eu-LISA, on 17th and 18th of September 2014, the participants at the first SON meeting have agreed to respect the group's mandate on the following terms:

1. SON AIMS

The main aims of the SON are the following:

- a) To further develop a network of security contact points, with the aim to exchange confidential/sensitive information based on trust amongst the group, making use of common technologies to assure that the confidentiality of such information is kept,
- b) To provide professional advice and guidance on security and business continuity related matters to the entire management and the users' community of the large-scale IT systems, including:
 - eu-LISA (represented by the Security Officer, Executive Director, Management Board or/and Advisory Groups),
 - EU Member States and other Schengen Area Associated States,
 - European Commission and other European bodies and agencies,
- c) To support eu-LISA in providing secure and resilient systems through participation in reviews or contributing to drafts of security and business continuity documentation, such as those relating to accreditation and security testing.

2. SON OBJECTIVES

In order to fulfil its main aims, the general objectives of the SON are to:

- a) Advise and guide on best practices on risk management, information security, cyber security and business continuity management for the parties involved in the management and the use of the large-scale IT systems,
- b) Exchange of knowledge on security matters among its community, in line with the legal provisions of the Agency and the large-scale IT systems entrusted to eu-LISA,
- c) Exchange of early warning and threat awareness
- d) Facilitate easier exchange of information among the community in case of security incidents relevant to the security of the large-scale IT systems.

SON members can volunteer to compose subgroups to achieve SON objectives and perform SON activities.

3. SON COMPOSITION

The Security Officers Network is composed of representatives who have specific knowledge and skills in security or business continuity from:

- eu-LISA (Chairman)
- European Commission
- EU and the other Schengen Area member states (Member States)
- Europol
- Eurojust
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency.

Initial nominations and any updates concerning the representatives will be communicated to eu-LISA by the members of the Management Board/ management of their organisations.

Due to the professional and technical expertise on security required in the scope of the SON, there is no limit on the number of representatives appointed to the SON.

Other EU bodies and agencies and other public/private institutions and organisations can be invited ad hoc for thematic events, when there is a justifiable need and there is no expressed objection from any of the SON members.

4. SON MEETINGS

The SON will meet at least twice a year. If needed, extraordinary meetings can be called at any time, if eu-LISA, the Commission or at least 5 members request it.

Participation to the SON, contribution to its aims and attendance to its meetings are on a voluntary base; travel and mission costs of the members are at their own expenses and not supported by eu-LISA.

eu-LISA will provide suitable meeting accommodation that ensures confidentiality of proceedings.

Any SON member could propose topics on the agenda of the meetings. The topics need to be related to the aims and objectives of the SON.

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