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From:	Presidency
To:	Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject:	Initiative aimed at collecting best practices for passenger and baggage control in railways

Introduction

One of the major challenges for police forces is to manage the high number of passengers and baggage on board trains and in stations. The distinctive "open" railway system does not permit the adoption of solutions already implemented in the airport sector, except in restricted areas. Authorities are therefore currently facing both the need not to hinder the regular flow of passengers and the need to guarantee effective prevention and control. Consequently, it is essential to look for solutions that make it possible to combine these two aspects, which are also fundamental to guarantee that citizens feel safe.

Description of the initiative

Objectives

The aim of the initiative is to collect and study the best practices established by Member States in the control of passengers and baggage on board trains and in stations so as to improve the practices adopted in order to obtain high safety standards, at the same time keeping unchanged the characteristic feature of the rail transport sector which is, by definition, open. It includes an operational stage envisaging a European action day to increase the perception of security.

Based on the contributions to the enclosed questionnaire the Presidency will:

- consider the experiences already acquired;
- take into account the differences in the relevant legislation between the various Member States;
- collect the best practices adopted in the control of passengers and baggage on board trains and in stations.

The steps planned include:

- a. presentation of the initiative and the relevant questionnaire to the LEWP;
- b. collation of the answers to the questionnaire;
- c. common operational action - European Action Day;
- d. collation of the results of the European Action Day;
- e. compiling of answers and results;
- f. presentation of the final draft report on the outcome of the questionnaire and of the European Action Day for approval by the LEWP.

Outcome:

The final report containing the best practices will be shared with all Member States in order to facilitate finding solutions which, through the implementation of certain measures and methods, may help reach a suitable compromise between safety and accessibility of railroad transport.

Questionnaire

In order to collect information relevant to the initiative, Member States are kindly requested to reply to the questionnaire set out in the Annex.

Replies should be sent to the following address by 13 August 2014:

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Analysis of best practices for conducting checks on passengers and baggage at stations and on trains

A. GENERAL ASPECTS

1. *Which authority is responsible for security at stations and on trains? (Multiple answers possible)*

Railway Police

Police

Other (Please specify)

2. *What kind of police checks can be conducted at stations? (Multiple answers possible)*

Identification of passengers

Checks on baggage

Checks on persons

Other (Please specify)

3. *What kind of police checks can be conducted on trains? (Multiple answers possible)*

Identification of passengers

Checks on baggage

Checks on persons

Other (Please specify)

4. *Is there any specific legislation providing for checks at stations?*

YES

NO

5. *Is there any specific legislation providing for checks on trains?*

YES

NO

6. *Do railway companies have their own “police forces”?*

YES

NO

6.1 *If so, what are their responsibilities and functions while performing their duties? (Multiple answers possible)*

- Identification of passengers
- Checks on baggage
- Checks on persons
- Arrest/detention (police custody) of persons held responsible for a crime
- Other (Please specify)

7. *Is any preventive assessment made of the terrorist threat associated with the railway system?*

- YES
- NO

7.1 *If so, by which authority?*

8. *Is there any form of cooperation with railways in terms of railway security?*

- YES
- NO

9. *Is there any form of cooperation with other police forces in connection with checks to be conducted at stations and on trains?*

YES

NO

B. CONDUCTING CHECKS: TECHNIQUES AND SYSTEMS EMPLOYED

10. *Are there any systems in place to control access to stations?*

YES

NO

10.1 *If so, are they in place at every station?*

YES

NO

11. *Please specify what type (access control systems)*

12. *Are there any systems in place to control access to platforms/trains?*

YES

NO

12.1 *If so, are they in place on every platform/train?*

YES

NO

12.2 *Please specify what type (access control systems)*

13. *Are there any systems in place that filter passengers (for example Rapiscan)?*

YES

NO

13.1 *If so, are they used for every train?*

YES

NO

14. *How are checks on passengers conducted? (Multiple answers possible)*

Randomly

Selectively

One by one

Other (Please specify)

14.1 *What specific preventive initiatives have been taken with regard to passenger controls?*

15. *How are checks on baggage conducted? (Multiple answers possible)*

- Randomly
- Selectively
- One by one
- Other (Please specify)

15.1 *What specific preventive initiatives have been taken with regard to baggage controls?*

16. *Do police officers receive specific training in how to conduct checks on passengers and baggage?*

- YES
- NO

17. *Are there any left-luggage facilities at stations?*

YES

NO

17.1 *If so, what type are they? (Multiple answers)*

Automatic lockers

Staffed offices

Other (Please specify)

18. *Are there any specific rules concerning the area inside stations where left-luggage facilities should be located?*

YES

NO

19. *Which systems are used for left-luggage facilities? – Is their installation/use compulsory? (Multiple answers possible)*

Identification of passengers compulsory YES NO

Rapiscan compulsory YES NO

Metal Detector compulsory YES NO

Other (Please specify) compulsory YES NO

20. *Do left-luggage staff receive specific training?*

YES

NO

21. *Do police inspect left-luggage facilities?*

YES

NO

22. *Are there any video surveillance systems in place?*

YES

NO

22.1 *If so, which areas do they cover? (Multiple answers possible)*

Station

Tracks (platforms)

Left-luggage facilities

Other (Please specify)
