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Mission Report

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Object of the mission

Meet with DG HOME to discuss ongoing AA and present interim report, attend the ENLETS Disseminates Best Practices (EDBP) conference

Place, date, organizations visited and contacted persons

(Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

01.-03.02.2016
 DG HOME, Brussels, BE
 EDBP Conference, Utrecht, NL

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Other Participants

Of the establishment

Other services of the Commission

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Main Results of the mission:

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Meeting with DG HOME

Background

The JRC and DG HOME have an Administrative Arrangement “Support to Open Sources User Community” which consists of a number of activities to build a best practice community for the use of open sources in law enforcement (commonly known as Open Source Intelligence – OSINT). The activities include the organisation of events, such as the yearly EMM OSINT conference and the further development and dissemination of JRC’s EMM tools which are shared with the law enforcement community.

Discussion Points

I presented the progress on our AA with a draft of the due interim report. We concluded the following main work packages in 2015:

- Support to DG HOME's analytical capacity ended as planned in 12/2015 under this AA and will be continued under a separate AA which is already in place
- We organised the 2015 edition of the EMM OSINT workshop that was again fully booked with 50 participants from the member states. The event comprised presentations from OSINT practitioners of EU MS and hands-on sessions to introduce users to EMM tools.
- We conducted a user survey for the EMM OSINT Suite user community to learn more about the user base of the tool and how to better disseminate it in the MS

The activities of the AA are on track, with the exception that we conducted the user survey in 2015 later than originally planned. The reasons were personal resource constraints and the decision to use the workshop to advertise for it and use a meeting with law enforcement officers to perform a pilot of the questionnaire.

We discussed how we could develop the yearly EMM OSINT workshop further. We concluded that the format is in principle functioning. However, we may need to offer additional training events for more proficient users and target the workshop on new and potential new users of our tools. (The user survey also hints to the fact that we need to intensify the training offerings for the EMM OSINT Suite.) The current AA already includes instruments to provide on-site trainings for MS authorities. This can be used to provide training especially for advanced users of the tool ("Master Classes").

The user survey gave overall good feedback for the further development of the EMM OSINT Suite software as well as for the further dissemination. We discussed how we could improve the dissemination of tool and better reach out to law enforcement authorities. We concluded to create a dissemination package consisting of an improved product brochure and a download web site with video tutorials centred on relevant use cases for law enforcement.

The ENLETS group (further background see below) has a working group on OSINT. They approached the JRC for support on creating a community user site. We concluded that the JRC can give limited support on the existing community site (<https://wiki.emm4u.eu>) and to discuss further support in the framework of a follow-up AA.

Follow-up Actions

- Revise 2nd interim report and submit to DG HOME
- Create dissemination package for EMM OSINT Suite
- Plan EMM OSINT Suite on-site trainings with MS authorities

ENLETS Disseminates Best Practices Conference (EDBP)

Background

The “European Network of Law Enforcement Technology and Services” (ENLETS) is a pan-European network of law enforcement officials promoting the use of new technologies for policing. The group is backed by a secretariat of the Dutch polices and funded by DG HOME. The network is made up of 9 core member states managing the different activities. For the activities, 27 member states have joined the network. Furthermore, the network has solid working relationships with institutions such as the European Commission, Europol and science and industry players.

We organised two hands-on workshops with the OSINT group of ENLETS in 2015 and are planning to support the activities further with the backing of DG HOME.

Conference Observations

The purpose of the conference was to present the results of the different activities. It started with a keynote from [REDACTED] (Police, NL) who is the organiser of the ENLETS network. He gave an overview of past and planned future activities. This second keynote was a speech of [REDACTED] (DG HOME). [REDACTED] gave an overview of the EU Commissions policies in the area and the rationale behind supporting the ENLETS.

Then the different best practise working groups gave each an overview of the activities and achievements. The activities range from surveillance over biometrics, procurement and OSINT (in the appendix I added the conference agenda with a complete of the activities).

In the afternoon of the first day were different workshop rounds for the different activities were the activity leaders had more time to present the results. It turned out that the technological activities had very good success in exchanging best practices because they could actually test tools (such as different low-light video cameras for surveillance) where as more policy related activities such as procurement face more hurdles to overcome because of the legal framework in the MS.

For our work in promoting OSINT for the law enforcement community, the OSINT working group provides a good cooperation partner since they consists of LE practitioners who are the target group of JRC’s software tools for law enforcement.

Contacts Made

I spoke briefly to [REDACTED] (DG HOME) about how the JRC could be useful in supporting ENLETS going forward. We concluded to discuss this further in summer when we prepare a follow-up AA with DG HOME regarding the OSINT activities.

Follow-up actions

- Support ENLETS OSINT group with hosting content on our OSINT community site
- Make an appointment with DG HOME to discuss further support within a new AA planned for 2017

Appendix

EDBP Conference Agenda

European Network of Law Enforcement
Technology Services

ENLETS Disseminates Best Practices Closing Conference
February 2-3 Utrecht The Netherlands

Day 1: Best Practices

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome & Opening

09:15 - 09:45 Key note speaker

09:45 - 10:15 Commission speaker

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15 ENLETS Disseminates Best Practices - Workshop Pitches

- ANPR
- Surveillance
- OSINT
- SIGINT
- Stopping Vehicles
- Biometrics - Facial Recognition
- Procurement
- EMPACT
- E-mobidig

11:45 - 12:15 Grab a Card: Registration for workshop topics

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Workshop Round 1

14:30 - 15:00 Soda Break

15:30 - 16:30 Workshop Round 2

16:30 - 17:30 Forum of Heads

17:30 - 17:45 Wrap up Day 1

20:00 - 23:00 Dinner for invited guests (casual chic)

Day 2: Next Practices

09:00 - 09:15 Opening & Conclusion Day 1

09:15 - 11:00 EDBP and Beyond: Challenges in Law Enforcement Cooperation
(plenary discussions)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30 Signing agreements with partners

11:30 - 12:30 Next Practices - Workshops and Demonstrations

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Next Practices - Workshops and Demonstrations

14:30 - 15:00 Soda Break

15:30 - 16:30 Next Practices - Workshops and Demonstrations

16:30 - 17:00 Wrap up Day 2

Departures

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