

Report on Meeting

Name	[DELETED]
Event	[DELETED]
Subject	Animal Rights Extremism/Terrorism/Serious Crime
Role in event	Participants
Place / Date	[DELETED] March 2007
Organised by	[DELETED]
Participants	[DELETED]
Consequences for Europol	The meeting concluded that a JIT, proposed by United Kingdom, will not be formed at this stage. The information exchange on bilateral level and via/with [DELETED] will continue. [DELETED] shall be the central platform for information concerning ARE in the EU in the future.
Date of next meeting	A new meeting might be held in May/June 2007, depending on ongoing investigations in [DELETED].
Advisable to attend + why?	[DELETED]
Documentation available?	no
Location	[DELETED]

Main issues (insert free text)

Background:

- [DELETED] had invited to this conference on request [DELETED] to launch an initiative of a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) for [DELETED], supposed to be held in [DELETED] 2007.
- [DELETED] gave a presentation describing the Animal Rights Extremism/Terrorism (ARE) scene, the level of crime and the effect it has had on the pharmaceutical businesses.
- All participating countries, including Europol, gave their view on the JIT initiative and described the crime level in their respective country.
- All other countries besides the [DELETED] stated that Animal Rights Extremism is not a priority for the moment. Some countries do not consider the ARE related crimes to reach the level of serious crime, neither does it fit the national legislation or definition for Terrorism. For example [DELETED] acknowledged though that it was a phenomenon of stalking with high economic impact. Therefore they would not participate in a JIT.

Conclusions of the meeting:

Europol stated in the meeting the full commitment of [DELETED] to support member states in relation to ARE crimes. The member states was also informed about the fact that the requested Europol initiative from [DELETED] on ARE related crimes [DELETED].

The meeting concluded that a Joint Investigation Team should not be formed at this stage.

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