

Meeting report EOS  
15 October 2015

Meeting of 15 October between Diane Schmitt, Head of Cabinet for Commissioner Avramopoulos, and representatives and members of the European Organisation for Security (EOS), led by EOS President of the Board of Directors Santiago Roura and EOS CEO Luigi Rebuffi.

Also present: Polykarpos Adamides (CAB), Giorgos Rossides (CAB), Rob Rozenburg (HOME), Cathrin Bauer-Bulst (HOME).

EOS presented its plans to launch two European Flagship Programmes, on cybersecurity and on integrated border management. On border management, EOS outlined potential contributions of EOS members to current challenges in the field of migration. This includes a technology package for deployment in emergency situations that could provide technical assistance for, e.g., surveillance, search and rescue, and registration of persons. EOS also mentioned previous projects completed with EU co-funding, such as the Perseus project on maritime security. On cybersecurity, EOS informed the Cabinet that meetings with Commissioner Oettinger and his team had taken place.

D. Schmitt provided an update on recent developments in the field of migration policy, with a focus on the new Communication on managing the refugee crisis adopted the previous day and the increased emergency funding. She highlighted that, while needs may differ at national level, there are some common elements across several Member States, such as the creation of hotspots and the border management approach, which might benefit from the same types of technical solutions. She suggested further meetings at services level to follow up when the EOS projects mature further.