EMM Open Source Intelligence
Information Day and Workshop, 04.-06.11.2015, Ispra, Italy

Objectives
The event provides a forum to exchange best practices and lessons learned on the use of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) tools between European law enforcement authorities.

The meeting provides an overview of the tools shared by DG Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) with the law enforcement community. It contains interactive hands-on sessions for users of the EMM OSINT Tools (media monitoring and desktop suite) as well as use case presentations given by law enforcement experts from EU countries to share their insights.

Target Audience
Experts of law enforcement authorities in the Member States of the EU and EU Candidate Countries dealing with Open Source Intelligence and Media Monitoring. The hands-on part is primarily intended for existing users of JRC’s software tools or users who plan to employ those tools in the near future.

Ideally, participants should have practical experience in security and crime areas such as terrorism, cybercrime, human trafficking etc. where the use of intelligence from open sources is an integral part of daily work. Participants with a strong interest to learn the use of OSINT tools will also benefit from this workshop and are encouraged to register.

It is recommended to bring a full notebook computer (not tablet) to take part in the interactive sessions.

Agenda
The event starts with an introductory information day on the 04.11.2014, 09:30h followed by two days with hands-on sessions and expert presentations and ends 06.11.2014, 14:00h.

The latest agenda of the event can be found here:

Background
As part of the collaborative activities of DG HOME – Security Directorate and the JRC, software tools for media monitoring and open source intelligence have been developed. These tools are shared primarily with national authorities in the Member States of the EU.

The policy areas of DG HOME are to define the internal security component in the development of the space on justice, freedom and security. DG HOME defines and develops activities, from best practices to legislation, in the fight against terrorism, and organised crime. Furthermore, it promotes law enforcement cooperation at the European level, including through Europol, and access to information for law enforcement purposes.

You can find more about the mission of DG HOME at: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/

The JRC undertakes research aimed at supporting EU policies in these areas. Over the years it has developed a suite of server based tools and a desktop toolkit founded in its research in text mining and information extraction. An overview of the available tools can be found at: http://emm.newsbrief.eu/overview.html

The tools described on the website are complemented by editorial applications to generate newsletters and to feed the data to other systems.

Organisers
The workshop is jointly organised by the Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen of the JRC in collaboration with DG HOME – Directorate Security.

Venue
The workshop will be hosted at the Ispra (Italy) site of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. For more information about the institute and the location refer to the website: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/institutes/jpsc.

Registration
If you intend to attend the workshop, please note that there are strict security rules governing the access to the JRC, so it is important that you register with your personal details and information on your travel plans by no later than 25.10.2015.

Please refer to the event web site for online registration and contact information:

Please note that there is only a limited amount of places available.

Closing date for registration is the 25.10.2015.