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## Report on meeting

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Event	Conference
Subject	Animal Rights Extremism/Terrorism (ARE)
Role in event	Speakers
Place / Date	Brasschat, Belgium
Organised by	[DELETED]
Participants	[DELETED]
Date of next meeting	NN
Advisable to attend + why?	Exchange of expertise, Private Companies have better information on attacks and incidents
Special contacts	
Related documentation	

### Main issues:

The conference brought together Private Companies (like Pharmaceutical, Tobacco, Oil, Consulting) and Law Enforcement agencies to discuss the Phenomenon of violent Animal Rights Extremists. [DELETED]

[DELETED] gave presentations about the scope of the problem as well as approaches to combat the phenomenon.

### Key findings from the conference:

Especially in the US, the Animal Rights Extremists become more and more violent and have various cross-over into the fields of Eco-Extremism. Not only are the Threats getting more violent but also incidents against buildings as well as persons. As the phenomenon of ARE was an “export article” from the US to Europe, the FBI warns that the same tendency can be seen in Europe (and in fact already showed in some incidents).

The US as well as the two private companies see more and more links from ARE into the Anarchists Extremism Field, a tendency which we can also see especially in the South. As some of those Anarchists are well trained in violence and explosive devices, we have to expect more brutal attacks. Joining efforts of Eco-Activists, ARE, Anarchists, Anti-Establish-Extremists, Anti-Globalisation and other violent leftists groups seems to be likely, resulting in more attacks and activities.

It became again apparent, especially when [DELETED] and [DELETED] presented yearly statistics, that the LEA in the EU are not always informed about incidents, do not collect them as ARE related nor is this data currently collected on multi-national level.

The strong need was seen by all representatives to combine efforts of private business and LEA to tackle the problem and to raise awareness in the private sector as well as inside the LEA and the political decision makers.

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### **Consequences for Europol:**

As [DELETED] already started to develop together with the UK authorities a template for monthly reporting of the EU-LEA on ARE, we have to continue to raise awareness throughout the EU and “sell” the reporting system.

Also it became apparent that we obviously cannot develop a comprehensive situation report without the involvement of the Private Sector, as the LEA for the reasons given above don't have the complete data which is needed. [DELETED] which visited Europol in April 2007 (DMS # 235242) offered their incidents data collection, which then was not deemed necessary. Given the experience of the last months, utilising [DELETED] data for requests into the Member States plus Switzerland and Norway is considered an appropriate way forward by the [DELETED] and [DELETED].

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