2nd OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange
1-2 November 2018, Hofburg, Vienna
INDICATIVE AGENDA

Opening Session – UNSC Resolution 2396: A new global framework for action
This session will introduce the seminar and set the scene for the coming days, outline the main obligations included in UNSC Resolution 2396, and will summarize the key border security developments that have taken place in the OSCE area after the 1st OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange.
Possible speakers: OSCE, UN-OCT

Session 1 – Overview of passenger data: what are API and PNR and how to set up a passenger data exchange system? API and PNR are both types of passenger data, but they are different in many ways. API data is the biographic data contained in a passenger's travel document that is obtained by the airline during check-in. PNR data is the information submitted when booking a flight, including contact details and payment information. They also provide different benefits for border control authorities. Session 1 will clarify the differences between both types of data and highlight the essential requirements for the implementation of a passenger data exchange programme, including a multi-agency point for receipt of data, the adoption of a comprehensive national legal framework, and the need for constant co-operation with airlines.
Possible speakers: IATA, ICAO, International airlines active in the OSCE area

Session 2 – National experiences in establishing passenger data exchange systems – lessons learned and best practices
OSCE participating States have pledged to provide assistance to support other requesting participating States in establishing API and PNR systems. Many States have already successfully implemented passenger data exchange programmes, while others are now in the process of planning and/or establishing one. Session 2 will feature presentations on national experiences and will allow for an exchange on best practices to follow and potential pitfalls to avoid.
Possible speakers: Participating States who have already implemented API and PNR systems, IT service providers

Session 3 – Biometric technology and identity management: overview of current counter-terrorism biometric tools, its benefits and human rights implications
Biometric identifiers are distinctive and measurable characteristics that are used to describe individuals. The importance of biometric data lies on the fact that many of these attributes vary from one person to another. This uniqueness is the reason why border control authorities are increasingly using biometrics to determine someone's identity with absolute certainty. This session will include presentations on the different biometric systems that are currently being used across the OSCE area and on how biometric data can be used pro-actively to prevent acts of terrorism in addition to its traditional role as an investigative tool.
Possible speakers: Participating States who are already using biometric systems, Biometrics Institute, EU Fundamental Rights Agency, IOM

Session 4 – The importance of information-sharing at the national and the international levels: connecting to watch lists and populating databases
On its own, passenger and biometric information is just data. The added-value of it is to establish automated cross-checking of this data against relevant national, regional and international watch lists, in particular Interpol databases and UN Sanctions Lists. Session 4 will discuss existing initiatives aimed at promoting information-exchange among law enforcement agencies and how they can be improved.
Possible speakers: eu-LISA, INTERPOL, IT service providers, States offering software to others

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MEETING VENUE

The Seminar will be held at OSCE premises in the Hofburg, Vienna: http://www.hofburg.com/en

TRAVEL

Unless previously agreed with the organizers, **participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements** (including transfers, if travelling by plane).

For participants travelling by car, parking space in a hotel garage is available and each participant is responsible for making the corresponding arrangements directly with the hotel upon check in.

REGISTRATION

Participants are kindly requested to fill in the enclosed registration forms and return it by **1 October 2018** to the following e-mail address: Adrian.CarbajoAriza@osce.org

Please note that every participant is required to fill in the form individually for the purpose of the better logistical and technical organization of the event.

ACCOMMODATION

Unless previously agreed with the organizers, **participants are kindly requested to make their accommodation arrangements at their own expenses**. There are many possibilities for accommodation in Vienna, also in close proximity to the meeting venue in the city centre. Early booking is recommended.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the meeting will be English with Russian translation.

CATERING

Lunch and coffee will be served on both 1 and 2 November in the Hofburg.

CONTACT POINTS

If you have any further questions or additional concerns, you can contact Mr. Adrián Carbajo (Adrian.CarbajoAriza@osce.org) for logistical matters or Mr. Simon Deignan (Simon.Deignan@osce.org) for issues related to the content of the seminar. Please contact Ms. Inesa Nicolaescu (Inesa.Nicolaescu@osce.org) for NFP-related enquiries.