

2nd OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange and

6th Thematic Meeting of the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Points (NFP) Network

Vienna, 1-2 November 2018

Venue:

Ratsaal in Hofburg, 5th floor Hofburg Congress Centre, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna



THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2018		
13:00 - 13:30	Registration of participants	
	Welcoming Remarks	
13:30 – 13:40	Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite , Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department – Official opening of the event, which will set the scene for the coming days and highlight the key border security developments that have taken place in the OSCE area after the 1 st OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange.	
	Introductory Session – United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2396: A new global framework for action	
13:40 – 14:00	Ms. Michèle Coninsx , Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) – Outline and definition of the main obligations related to border management included in UNSC Resolution 2396, such as the collection of passenger data and biometrics, as well as the promotion of information exchange.	
	Representative from the 2018 Italian Chairmanship of the OSCE (TBD) – Discussion of the Chairmanship's plans for the 2018 Ministerial Council in relation to the adoption of a Decision on OSCE responses to the challenges related to returning/relocating foreign terrorist fighters in the context of UN Security Council Resolution 2396.	
	Mr. Mavroudis Voridis, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – Presentation of the recently adopted Resolution on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism and discussion of possible ways in which the OSCE PA and MPs from OSCE participating States can promote compliance with the commitments included in 2396.	
	<u>Moderator:</u>	
	Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Transnational Threats Department	
14:00 – 15:30	Session 1 – Overview of passenger data: what are API and PNR and how to set up a passenger data exchange system?	
	The value of passenger data exchange systems for enhancing border management and detecting and preventing the movement of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) has repeatedly been emphasized by the international community. The establishment of national API systems is a commitment included in OSCE Ministerial Council Decision 6/16, as well as an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard, which makes it mandatory for all Contracting States to the Chicago Convention. In addition, Resolution 2396 is the first UNSC Resolution that calls upon States to collect, process and analyse Passenger Name Record (PNR) data.	
	Keynote presentations (7-10 min.):	
	Mr. Andrew Priestley , Director, Agile Borders – Definition of API and PNR data and discussion of their similarities and differences.	
	Mr. Willem Mudde, Commander Passenger Information Unit, Royal Marechaussee, the	



Netherlands – *Presentation of how an API system works in practice*.

Mr. Christophe Hypolite, Advisor, PNR Interministerial Mission, France – *Presentation of how a PNR system works in practice*.

Ms. Nuria Fermoso, Regional Manager, Passenger and Facilitation, International Air Transport Association (IATA) – *Discussion of ways on which States can and should work with airlines to ensure a swift implementation of passenger data exchange solutions*.

Moderator:

Mr. Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, OSCE Transnational Threats Department

Followed by discussions and Q&A

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Session 2 – Experiences in establishing passenger data exchange systems – lessons learned and best practices

OSCE participating States have pledged to provide assistance to support other requesting States in establishing API and PNR systems. Many of them 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.

Keynote presentations (7-10 mins.)

Mr. Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, OSCE Transnational Threats Department – *Outline* of the key steps to follow when setting up a passenger data exchange system, including the creation of a multi-agency point for receipt of data and the adoption of a comprehensive national legal framework.

Mr. Otari Khvedelidze, Chief Analyst, Customs Risk Management Division, State Revenue Service of Georgia, and **Ms. Nazy Mamisashvili**, Officer, State Security Service of Georgia – Discussion of progress made to date, challenges faced, and needs for support and assistance for setting up an API system in Georgia.

Mr. Adylbek Kadyraliev, Head, Anti-Terrorist Centre, State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic – *Discussion of progress made to date, challenges faced, and needs for support and assistance for setting up an API system in Kyrgyzstan.*

Mr. Shteryu Bozhikov, Head, Bulgarian Passenger Information Unit – *Improvement of targeting and other best practices identified through the use of PNR data in Bulgaria*

<u>Moderator:</u>

Mr. Adrián Carbajo, Adviser on Passenger Data Exchange, OSCE Transnational Threats Department

Followed by discussions and Q&A



	FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2018		
09:00 - 10:30	Continuation of Session 2 – Experiences in establishing passenger data exchange systems – the industry perspective		
	Building an API/PNR system is a complex process that requires establishing connectivity with airline communication networks for data transmission and complying with international standards and technical specifications. One option for States is to develop these solutions internally. Another, to rely on external service providers with previous experience on setting up API and PNR programmes and/or on international organisations or other States that offer these systems for free.		
	<u>Presentations from donors (7-10 min.)</u> – Discussion of potential donations of API and PNR systems for requesting participating States:		
	Mr. David Dodson , Director, Global Targeting Advisory Division, US Customs and Border Protection		
	Mr. Ulrik P. Ahnfeldt-Mollerup , Senior Political Affairs Officer, Chief of Capacity Building Unit, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)		
	<u>Presentations from industry representatives (5 min.)</u> – Sharing of experience and best practices in establishing connectivity between government and airlines' systems and in bringing API and PNR systems online		
	Mr. Paul McKeown, Leader, Borders and Immigration Management, IBM Global Government		
	Mr. Noureddine Ghamri, Senior Programme Manager, Idemia		
	Mr. Andy Smith, Head of Business Development, Border Management, SITA		
	Mr. Roelof Troost, Head of Technology, WCC Smart Search & Match		
	Moderator:		
	Mr. Andrew Priestley, Director, Agile Borders		
	Followed by discussions and Q&A		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 - 12:30	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.		
	Keynote presentations (7-10 min.):		
	Mr. Rocco Messina , Programme Officer, UNOCT – Discussion of the background and content of the recently published United Nations Compendium of Recommended Practices for the Responsible Use and Sharing of Biometrics in Counter-Terrorism.		
	Representatives from OSCE participating States (TBD) – Presentation of different biometric		



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	systems that are currently being used across the OSCE area. Mr. Peter Butler, DCS Product Manager, Amadeus, and Mr. Adel Baraghith, Senior Project Manager-Regulatory, Lufthansa – Presentation of industry initiatives to improve passenger facilitation and border control through the use of biometric technology.
	Moderator: Ms. Denise Mazzolani, Deputy Head, Strategic Police Matters Unit, OSCE Transnational Threats Department
	Followed by discussions and Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	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.
	Keynote presentations (7-10 min.):
	Mr. Michael Scardaville , Principal Director for Information Sharing Policy, Department of Homeland Security, United States – <i>Discussion of ways in which countries can improve intra-</i> and inter-State intelligence sharing consistent with diverse data protection and legal requirements through the example of biometric information.
	Mr. Bozidar Popovic , I-24/7 Deployment Officer, INTERPOL – Presentation of how passenger data is matched against INTERPOL watch lists and databases to conduct traveller screenings and risk assessments and discussion of potential ways of promoting an effective use of existing databases among OSCE participating States.
	Ms. Viktoria Skoularidou, Project Manager, European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) – Overview of the agreement to review eu-LISA's mandate in order to reinforce and enhance information exchange and collaboration between EU Member States.
	Moderator:
	Ms. Albina Yakubova, Programme Management Officer, OSCE Transnational Threats Department
	Followed by discussions and Q&A
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Conclusion
	This session will outline conclusions and recommendations from the seminar sessions. The sessions' moderators will identify initiatives, lessons learned and challenges in relation to the topics presented and discussed, and how the OSCE, building on its expertise, can continue working in this field, complementing efforts of other international/regional organizations.
	<u>Moderators:</u>
	Introductory Session: Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head, Border Security and Management Unit,



	OSCE Transnational Threats Department
	Session 1: Mr. Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, OSCE Transnational Threats Department
	Session 2: Mr. Adrián Carbajo , Adviser on Passenger Data Exchange, OSCE Transnational Threats Department and Mr. Andrew Priestley , Director, Agile Borders
	Session 3: Ms. Denise Mazzolani, Deputy Head, Strategic Police Matters Unit, OSCE Transnational Threats Department
	Session 4: Ms. Albina Yakubova, Programme Management Officer, OSCE Transnational Threats Department
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Remarks and Way Forward