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This newsletter contains information and an update regarding the development of the network from the ICIN acting Executive Committee and Secretariat.

### Annual General Meeting

We are very pleased to inform you that the date for the **ICIN Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is decided. The ICIN AGM will be held the **30-31<sup>st</sup> of August at Europol**, in The Hague, Netherlands. Please reserve the date in your calendar – we will provide more information regarding this event later on.

### New ICIN member

We are honored to welcome Garda Anti-Corruption Unit at An Garda Síochána from Ireland as the latest Member Organization of ICIN. We are now 26 Member Organizations from 23 countries. That is impressive!

### First physical meeting of the Executive Committee

The ICIN acting Executive Committee (EC) had a historical first physical meeting the 8-9<sup>th</sup> of March. The meeting was held at the office of Special Investigations Department in Stockholm, Sweden. The delegations from Sweden, Lithuania and The Netherlands performed the meeting. The expectations were high, there was a lot of energy, engagement and excitement. Many constructive ideas for upcoming activities for ICIN were presented. We will give more details regarding the outcome later on in this newsletter.



*From the left: Anna Lindvall, Willem-Jan de Koning, Dalia Lombardero Chartuni Žydrūnas Butkevičius, Ebba Sverne Arvill, Nancy van Roij and Stefan Andersson*



## Communication

As described in previous newsletters the EC has set up some priorities where **communication** is one of them. That is why the Secretariat has produced an ICIN fact sheet, which is attached to this newsletter. The purpose with the ICIN fact sheet is to give a brief summary of what ICIN is and it includes contact details for further information. The Secretariat will in a near future upload more information regarding ICIN on the **public domain** [www.polisen.se/icin](http://www.polisen.se/icin). The purpose with that is to provide information for the public and also the Member Organizations to find more information regarding ICIN. This website will also provide the ICIN fact sheet which will be reviewed over time.

## ICIN logo

Regarding communication you probably have noticed that ICIN now is visualized with a **new logo**. This has been an ongoing process since last year and it might be further developed. The EC consider it to be a benefit and an urgent need for ICIN to be visualized in a common way without any connection to a single Member Organization. This is a promising development and we will also proceed with a communication plan as well as a strategy plan including the needs for the whole Network on a national and international level.

## Representation of ICIN

Mrs. Ebba Sverne Arvill, acting ICIN Chairperson and head of the Special Investigations Department (SU) and Ms. Anna Lindvall, lawyer at SU, were participating in a panel debate which was arranged by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in December in Brussels, Belgium. During the debate Mrs. Sverne Arvill held a presentation about ICIN to OLAF and a wide range of other EU institutions.

Mr. Stefan Andersson, coordinator at the Secretariat and Mr. Jan Carlsson, dep. head of SU were invited in December to the EPAC/EACN Annual Assembly where Mr. Andersson also held a presentation about the recent developments of ICIN.

## Information activities

The EC will continue to perform information activities regarding ICIN and the Member Organizations are encouraged to conduct their own information activities at a national level in their countries. The Secretariat will provide templates and a standard presentation for this purpose. It is important that we have a common presentation that summarizes the ICIN idea and core values.



Speaking of core values – this is also something that the EC will continue to work with. We are certain that the core values for ICIN combined with the ICIN Strategies will support the progress of setting up relevant activities which will help us reach the strategic goals.



*The acting EC, from the left: Žydrūnas Butkevičius, Ebba Sverne Arvill and Willem-Jan de Koning*

### The ICIN Exchange Program (ICIN EP)

ICIN was established 2020 and two of the main purposes with the Network are to share best practice and facilitate exchange of information between the Member Organizations. That is why the ICIN acting EC now introduces the concept with an ICIN Exchange Program (ICIN EP). The purpose with the ICIN EP is to raise the knowledge, learn best practice of how to investigate and detect criminal activities in another ICIN Member Organization.

We will come back to you with further details for the management and nomination process to the ICIN EP in a separate document. It is planned that the first exchange within the ICIN EP will be performed before June 2022. At this early stage we encourage all members to identify candidate nominations within your organization to the ICIN EP.

### Working Group for secure communication

During the meeting the 9<sup>th</sup> of March the acting EC invited Mr. Johan Sone, deputy head of National Unit (HENU) at the Swedish Police. Mr. Sone gave an insightful presentation of SIENA (Secure Information Exchange Network Application). This tool for secure communication is something that the ICIN EC will further elaborate on in order to see if it fits the



needs for ICIN.

### [Attachments](#)

Attached to this newsletter you will find documentation about experiences from our colleagues in the Netherlands regarding encrypted communication. You will also find the ICIN fact sheet.

It is, though, with great expectations and excitement that we now can see that ICIN has taken the first steps to really make a difference in the fight against corruption within the Police. Together we are strong.

Please notice that Stefan Andersson, coordinator at the ICIN Secretariat, has got a position as a police adviser in the UN Mission in Somaliland/Somalia for one year. Mr. Andersson will be replaced at the Secretariat before summer by Mr. Fredrik Leinfelt.

Lastly, we would like to send you a heads-up for coming ICIN digital events in a near future!

### *ICIN acting Executive Committee*

Mrs. Ebba Sverne Arvill, Chairperson

Mr. Willem-Jan de Koning, Member

Mr. Žydrūnas Butkevičius, Member

Please contact the ICIN Secretariat if you have any questions or contributions to the acting EC.

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### **Calender 2022**

**8-9th of March** – ICIN acting EC Meeting

**Spring** – ICIN Exchange Program

**May** – Next ICIN acting EC Meeting

**30-31<sup>st</sup> of August** – ICIN General Annual Meeting, Europol, The Hague, Netherlands