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Newsletter for the member organisations of the Internal Criminal Investigations Network (ICIN)

Dear ICIN member organisations,

Firstly, we are very pleased that the **ICIN General Annual Meeting (AGM)**, which was held the **30-31st of August at Europol**, in The Hague, Netherlands, became a success. This was the first physical meeting for all the members in the ICIN network.

It was rewarding to finally meet you and to experience the high level of energy, engagement and excitement. Even though the schedule was intense there was time to socialize and to make new contacts.

Special thanks to the team at Rijksrecherche who showed us some of the city's treasures and to Mr. Lino Brosius, Rijksrecherche, who moderated the meeting in the best possible way. In order to spread knowledge about ICIN and our meeting, information about the network has been published at the intranet of Europol.



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Photography*

There were several issues to decide on during the AGM.

1) **ICIN Statutes**

The statutes were accepted with the proposed amendments.

2) **Chair**

The Special Investigations Department (SE) was elected for chair. Mrs. Ebba Sverne Arvill, Head of the Special Investigations Department, is thus the Chairperson of ICIN.



3) The Executive Committee

ICIN elected Rijksrecherche (NL) and the Immunity Board (LT) to be members of the Executive Committee.

4) New Member organisation

An Garda Síochána (IE) presented themselves and were accepted as members of ICIN. A warm welcome! We are honored to have you on board! There are now 26 Member Organizations from 23 countries in the network.

The ICIN Logotype

Mr. Fredrik Leinfelt (SE) informed us about the ICIN logotype, which symbolizes a camera lens. The idea comes from the fact that most of our members “zoom” into their organisations (ICIN = I SEE IN). The intention is to trademark protect the logotype in the EU. The logotype consists in its entirety of the letters ICIN and the camera lens.

The ICIN Exchange Program Pilot

One of the overall purposes of the ICIN Network is to foster and develop best practice and the exchange of ideas between its member organisations. We believe that this vision could be realized with the development of the ICIN Exchange Program – a program in which members could exchange thoughts, experiences and knowledge within the framework of practice-related training.

At the meeting Mr. Fredrik Leinfelt informed us about the experiences of the ICIN Exchange Program Pilot. Also Mr. Willem-Jan de Koning (NL), Ms. Simone Zwaan (NL) and Mr. Carlos (ESP) reflected on the study visits made within the Exchange Program Pilot and shared observations and experiences.

The ICIN Exchange Program Pilot was launched in April 2022 and intended as a small-scale implementation to assess the viability of an exchange program within the ICIN Network by way of an innovative approach to international cooperation in areas related to criminal investigations and intelligence regarding police employees.

We strongly believe that the Exchange Program could help us to strengthen the capacity and the quality for each organisation to perform a more qualified work and also to encourage joint training in relevant and specific areas to increase the competence within the network. The Exchange Program will make it easier to

share best practice and methods and also strengthen the cooperation between our countries.

An idea that was presented during the meeting is to create a learning pack that shall contain acquired knowledge to be shared among all members.

“We have taken part of the exchange program and our visit to Sweden was a very good experience. I was impressed to learn more about the independence of the Special Investigations Department. It was also important to get to know the employees because personal contacts will make it easier to make contact. I am looking forward to welcome the Swedish delegation to us in the end of September and to teach them more about our work”.

Carlos Eduardo Agudo Capón, Policia Nacional (ES)

Working Groups

During the meeting it was decided to implement four working groups in order to further develop the network.

The *Working Groups* are:

- 1) Exchange Program**
- 2) Funding**
- 3) Developing the ICIN website**
- 4) Communication**

Please sign up for any (it can be more than one) working group by sending an email to the ICIN Secretariat: icin@polisen.se.

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Next **AGM** will take place in **October 2023**. We are looking forward to meet you again!

Questions

Please contact the ICIN Secretariat if you have any questions or contributions to the EC: icin@polisen.se

Again, thank you for a terrific meeting and please stay in touch.

Kind regards,

ICIN Secretariat



The Executive Committee consists of – from the left in the photo above – Mr. Žydrūnas Butkevičius (LT), Chairperson Mrs. Ebba Sverne Arvill (SWE), and Mr. Willem Jan de Koning (NL).

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Voices of two ICIN-members



“Cooperation between the member states is crucial. Even though every member state has its own legislation we can still exchange methods that we use in our internal cases. We can also learn from other countries how their organisations are organised. We have very few cases that are about organised crime for example. This is perhaps something we will see more of in the future and where we need to work together.”

Olivia Thomas, Bureau des enquêtes judiciaires (FR).

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“The reason why the Policia Nacional (ES) chose to become a member of ICIN is that we need to cooperate and exchange methods with similar organisations. We would for example like to learn more about the intelligence service that exists in some of the organisations as well as learning more about how to fight police corruption. Hopefully it can also make it clear what tools and legislation we need in order to become more successful in our work. Before ICIN we had no organisation with a similar mission to turn to”.

Carlos Eduardo Agudo Capón, Policia Nacional (ES)

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