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

Dear ICIN Members,

With holiday season approaching this will probably be the last newsletter this year.

We are pleased with how the network is developing. Currently there are 26 member organisations in the network and with our great knowledge combined we are convinced that ICIN will become a network that will provide boundless value to our work.

Since the General Annual Meeting (AGM) in August, the Executive Committee (EC) has had several digital meetings. At the last meeting the following topics were discussed:

### **Newsletter**

The EC decided that the Secretariat and not the EC will send out the newsletter to the members. The newsletter will be sent no later than one week following the EC meeting and when the need arises.

### **Seminars**

The EC agreed on that the network will invite all members to a digital seminar four times a year. The Special Investigations Department, Sweden, will start off with a webinar in early 2023. All members are encouraged to consider to hold a seminar about an optional topic which may be of interest to the other members. Please register your interest by writing an email in which you describe the topic to the ICIN Secretariat.

### **Working groups**

At the AGM in August we agreed on five working groups. All members are encouraged to become involved in one or more. Please register your interest by writing an email to the ICIN Secretariat.

The working groups are the following:

**Exchange Program**

**Lead: Policia Nacional, Spain**

**Members: Denmark, Iceland and Spain (soon Estonia will join)**

**Vision:** The ICIN Exchange Program seeks the exchange of experiences and the detection of Good Practices, as well as the establishment of lasting and trustworthy links among the ICIN members, in the framework of internal criminal investigations.

**Communication/SIENA**

**Lead: Special Investigations Dept., Sweden**

**Member: UK**

**Vision:** The objective is to find a secure communication tool for the ICIN member organisations. The working group has recommended the EC to further elaborate the possibility to use SIENA for this purpose. SIENA is the common communication tool at Europol for exchanging information between the EU member states and partner countries connected to Europol.

**Funding**

**Lead: Rijksrecherche, the Netherlands**

**Members: UK and Ireland**

**Vision:** To generate external funding, allowing ICIN to make investments related to image and identity (incl. logotype and website) and to cover expenses of the annual general meeting and other activities that the network organises.

**Website**

**Lead: The Immunity Board, Lithuania**

**Member: Sweden**

**Vision:** Sharing public information with the purpose of enhancing the public's confidence of the members of the organisation; sharing best practices, experience and other valuable information between members of the network in order



to elevate each member's own capacity to prevent and disrupt criminal and/or corrupt activities.

**ICIN reference tool**

**Lead: Rijksrecherche, the Netherlands**

**Member: France**

**Vision:** To develop a reference tool that shows the tasks and responsibilities of all ICIN member organisations, the embedding in their national justice systems, their strong points and the points where they feel they can develop further. This tool is to facilitate the exchange of experiences between ICIN members.

All the working groups will present their work at the next AGM which is planned to take place in the fall of 2023.

**Upcoming exchanges**

During the fall, there have been several exchanges between the members of ICIN. That is gratifying since the primary purpose of the network is to share methods and to learn from each other. One employee that was on an exchange at the Metropolitan Police in London exclaimed: "ICIN opens new doors". Members are asked to report all the exchanges they are involved in to the Secretariat.

Romania has offered themselves to host a gathering in 2023. All members that are interested to join are asked to write an email to the ICIN Secretariat. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

**EPAC/OLAF**

Last week the Special Investigations Department visited OLAF and they were eager to know more about ICIN. We have invited the board to meet with us. We have also invited EPAC to a meeting.

**Questions**

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

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**Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!**

Kind regards,

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