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ANNUAL REPORT TO MPA/MPS EU OVERSIGHT GROUP

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Managing Relations Between LEO and MPA/MPS

- Regular emails and phone calls between Anne Harradine and Sally Benton and Amanda Murphy/Judith Mullet and Brett Dalby
- Participation in EU Oversight Group
- Meetings with MPS Strategy Unit to discuss work plan priorities for 2007/8 and for 2008/9
- Preparation of a one day training seminar in London

Monitoring and Influencing EU Policy, Legislation and Funding Opportunities

Policing, Organised Crime and Counter-terrorism

- Briefing note on the public hearing on the "Future of Europol" at the European Parliament
- Briefing on the Parliament's debate on the fight against terrorism with statements from the Commission and the Council
- Briefing on the Parliament's discussions to ease liquid ban on airplanes
- Briefing on the Parliament's resolution on Passenger Name Records
- Briefing on the Council's adoption of the Passenger Name Records (PNR) agreement
- Briefing on New EU Counter Terrorism Strategy
- Briefing on the European Gendarmerie Force
- Briefed colleagues on the Commission's communications on cyber crime
- Note on the Commission's survey on safe use of internet from children and the fight against cyber crime
- Support and updates on study into violent radicalisation
- Support in response to the Mayor of Amsterdam's letter on joint working on countering violent radicalisation
- Attended and reported back from the seminar 'The EU and the fight against organised crime'
- Provided information on the "non-emotive lexicon when discussing terrorism"
- Information on EU legislation regarding child protection and human

trafficking

- Information on the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting
- Information on the Cities against Terrorism conference in Brussels and arranging of meetings with officials in Brussels (eventually cancelled)
- Update on Council negotiations on criminal records, probation and the European Supervision Order (bail)
- Update on the Commission's Communication on the role of Eurojust and the European Judicial Network
- Updates on European Forum on Urban safety

Asylum, immigration and border issues

- Briefing on the Council's High Level Conference on migration
- Briefing on the Parliament's adoption of the report amending the Commission's proposed Directive on the return of illegal migrants
- Briefing on the public hearing of the Common European Asylum System.
- Briefing on the Commission's adoption of the single application procedure/single permit and common set of rights and of the EU Blue card.
- Briefing on the policy recommendations proposed by the High Level Advisory Group of Experts on integrating ethnic minorities into the labour market presented to the Commission
- Briefing on the Green Paper on the Common European Asylum System
- Briefed colleagues on EU borders control and the setting up of the Rapid Border Intervention Teams (RABIT)
- Briefed colleagues on the Commission's proposal for a Directive to crack-down illegal labour of migrants and sanction employers of illegal migrants
- Briefed colleagues on the Council's decisions on the Visa Information System, cross-border co-operation, cash control rules, protection of personal data under the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, migration and international protection
- Information on the Commission's 3rd Annual Report on Migration and Integration
- Information on Bulgarian & Romanian migration patterns report
- Provided information on current research studies on European economic migration

EU Funding

- Regular updates and sustained support for FP7 funding opportunities, including arranging meetings and phone calls with the relevant stakeholders (notably the Commission and European Defence Agency)
- Organised and attended meeting with Home Office national contact point for FP7 security calls with Andre Ramsey, John Bunn and Dave Stovell
- Regular contact with Colin Carswell on funding for co-operation with Romanian Police in the field of trafficking
- Regular updates on FP7 ICT/security calls
- Update and report back on FP7 funding programme meetings with Greek national security institute (KEMEA)
- Attended and reported back on FP7 ICT/security information day organised by the European Commission

- Information on establishing a European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF)
- Information on the Commission communication on public private dialogue in security research and innovation
- Regular updates on EU Justice Freedom and Security funding streams
- Support and regular updates on successful “Prevention of and Fight Against Crime” framework partner bid
- Regular updates on framework partner status for the prevention of and fight against crime and calls for proposals
- Provided information on collaboration opportunities with other EU cities on Civil Protection financial instruments
- Contacted European Commission for feedback on violent radicalisation study bid – regular updates
- Briefing on possible funding for officer exchanges through the prevention of and fight against crime funding programme
- Information on the Commission's 2007 call for proposals designed to promote the integration of third-country nationals
- Information on successful bids in the first FP7 ICT call (not bid for by the MPA/MPS)

Climate change, environment and transport

- Briefing and updates on the Green Paper on climate change adaptation and the Commission's consultation process
- Briefing on the action plans on sustainable consumption and production and on sustainable industrial policy
- Co-ordination of joint submission to consultation on sustainable consumption and production
- Briefing on EURO VI air quality targets for heavy good vehicles and the Commission's consultation process
- Briefings on the EU environment council meetings
- Briefing on the Green Paper on bio-preparedness
- Briefing on the Mid term review of the 6th environment action programme
- Briefing and updates on tyre noise and road safety features consultation
- Regular updates on the mid term review of the sixth environment action programme
- Regular updates on the European Parliament climate change committee
- Regular updates on the Commission's climate change and energy package
- Updates and briefing on CO2 from cars proposals and consultation process

Other issues

- Briefing on Consultation on Social Reality of Europe
- Briefing on the European Council meeting in June 2007
- Briefing on outcomes of December European Council
- Briefing on the Commission Communication on “flexicurity” and update following adoption of common basic principles by Member States
- Briefing on the Commission's communication on gender pay equality

- Regular email updates on German Presidency Justice and Home Affairs initiatives
- Update on the draft Directive on Temporary Agency Workers
- Update on the revision of the Working Time Directive
- Information and clarification about the conclusions of the November Council meeting on Justice and Home Affairs
- Clarifications on the EU reform treaty and the German Presidency
- Updates on procurement and state aid

Develop Relationships and Raise Profile

Communication and promotion

- Preparation and distribution of London in Europe newsletter (3 editions)
- Preparation and dissemination of LEO's E-zine (3 editions)
- Reception on 5 June at London House to showcase the GLA Group engagement in the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All to EU decision makers
- Discussions to organise an event promoting the London Debate to the European Parliament

Meetings and networking

- Attended Commission ICT/Security information day – made contact with possible consortia partners
- Regular exchange of phone calls and emails with UK National Contact Point for FP7 security theme, Dr Rachel Leighton
- Networked with potential FP7 bid partners and passed on relevant contact details to MPA/MPS
- Organised meeting with John Bunn, Andre Ramsey and Claude Moraes London MEP and member of the European Parliament's Civil Liberties Committee
- Organised meeting with John Bunn, Andre Ramsey and UK Permanent Representation to the EU, Counter Terrorism officers
- Organised and attended FP7 security call meeting with Home Office, Andre Ramsey, John Bunn and Dave Stovell
- Sarah Millar met John Bunn, Andre Ramsey and Richard Maurus in Brussels
- Regular meetings, phone calls and emails between Sarah Millar and Andre Ramsey and Dave Stovell
- Regular phone calls and emails with Sally Benton
- Phone calls and emails on funding bids "prevention of and fight against crime" with Colin Carswell
- Meetings and regular contact with lead officers on counter-terrorism, police cooperation and criminal records at UK's permanent representation to the EU
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- Support for MPA's 'CT expert' to Lord Tope, rapporteur on the Committee of the Regions opinion on "Stepping up the fight against terrorism"