

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS (CDPC)

METHODOLOGY OF THE ACTION PLAN ON TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME (TOC)

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I. Introduction

This document aims at providing some information about the methodology to be followed for the implementation of the Action Plan on Transnational Organised Crime (TOC). Moreover, it also identifies in a preliminary manner the main activities to be implemented of the above-mentioned Action Plan on TOC.

The Action Plan was finally adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 1249th meeting on 2 March 2016

II. Working Methodology

The methodology will mainly consist of the creation of a Working Group (WG) exclusively for the purpose of the Action Plan's implementation. This WG will provide scientific expert advice and assistance (from both a theoretical and a practical point of view) in view of the implementation of the different actions included in the Action Plan. Moreover, it will:

- prepare and submit the Action Plan's implementation progress to the Bureau for its approval;
- present to the Bureau the results and the conclusions achieved by every action;
- propose strategic actions by paying attention to specific matters such as: the process improvement, the project implementation, etc.;
- propose the work plan for the subsequent period for the Bureau's approval;
- ensure the overall implementation of the Action Plan while avoiding overlapping of the actions.

a) Composition of the WG

This WG will be composed of:

- the TOC co-ordinator;
- 2-3 members of the Bureau (one of which will chair the meetings);
- PC-OC member
- the CoE Secretariat;

- The WG could invite a restricted group of scientific consultants, selected according to their specific expertise in one of the topics and the issues covered by the actions to be implemented in the field of TOC, to participate in the WG;

b) Meetings of the WG

The WG will meet at least twice a year in conjunction with the Bureau, where possible, with a view to both planning the proper implementation of the activities/priorities established by the Bureau of the CDPC and providing content for them. Additional meetings can be organised on the basis of particular needs. The CoE Secretariat will provide secretarial assistance for the WG meetings (propose and submit a provisional agenda for the meetings). Working materials will be circulated to the WG members at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

The WG will work on the basis of the Overall Action Plan Work Plan (matrix). This matrix is a “living document” and will undergo changes in order to adapt it to the on-going needs and developing circumstances agreed upon by the Bureau of the CDPC.

The WG should draft an annual interim report including the results of the implementation of the different actions and further recommendations. This report will be presented to the Bureau of the CDPC which will discuss these results and submit them to the Plenary when appropriate.

III. Priorities

The Action Plan includes 5 major key areas (components) each of which is divided into three major actions: a) direct actions, b) standardisation and c) capacity building. All these major actions have different activities to be implemented for the whole period of the Action Plan (4 years). Given that some of the activities included in every action are inter-related, it is necessary to see them in a transversal way and not individualised. Thus, this perspective implies that the Action Plan Work Plan (matrix) may be subject to modification (some cuts will be made) in terms of activities. Therefore, this will reduce the cost of the whole Action Plan and create synergies between the actions and components.

In the Action Plan, prioritisation has not been given to key areas. However, some actions have been identified as essential because of their crucial importance in enhancing co-operation to fight TOC.