



**COUNCIL OF  
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## **Council Conclusions on possible cooperation mechanisms between civilian ESDP Missions and Europol as regards the mutual exchange of information**

*2873rd JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS Council meeting  
Luxembourg, 5 and 6 June 2008*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council,

Taking into account the initiative launched by the Presidency to establish cooperation mechanisms between Europol and civilian European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) missions for the exchange of information,

The Council:

1. recalls the findings of the Organised Crime Threat Assessment (OCTA) 2007 and the related Council Conclusions laying down EU priorities in cases where the impact of organised crime (OC) or other serious crimes originating in or linked to third states and neighbouring regions, in particular the Western Balkans, is very substantial;
2. recognizes the need for greater cooperation between those with responsibility for the internal and the external aspects of security;
3. fully endorses the current work on the conclusion of an administrative arrangement between the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) and Europol to exchange non-personal data between Europol and civilian ESDP Missions (via the GSC) within the scope of their respective mandates;

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4. invites the Member States and the GSC to facilitate the implementation of the aforementioned administrative arrangement between Europol and civilian ESDP missions as soon as possible and to exchange non-personal data effectively and smoothly;
  5. invites the Member States to examine on the basis of proposals prepared by the GSC and Europol, by the end of 2008, further possible ways of setting up cooperation mechanisms between Europol and the relevant civilian ESDP missions to exchange personal data via the Europol National Units (ENU) of the Member States;
  6. considers that work should proceed to evaluate possibilities for the exchange of personal and non-personal data directly between Europol and the relevant civilian ESDP missions;
  7. will examine proposals that will lead to enhance cooperation between Europol and civilian ESDP missions."
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