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### **EUROMED JUSTICE III PROJECT**

Working Group on Criminal and Penitentiary Law

Third meeting

#### **WG 3.3**

**Working Group on Criminal Law in order to prepare a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”**

London (UK), 19-21 March 2013

#### **AGENDA**

##### **Monday 18 March 2013**

Arrival of the participants at the hotel and first contact with the Project Team

##### **Tuesday 19 March 2013**

09.00 – 09.15 **Registration of participants**

09.15 – 09.30 **Welcome speech**

*Antonino CREA*, Head of sector Migration, Justice, Police, European Commission, EuropeAid Development and Co-operation Directorate-General, Unit F4 - Regional programmes Neighbourhood South.

*Mr Kevin BARRY*, Head of the International Projects Team, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom.

*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project.

09.30 – 09.45 **Presentation of the participants** (if needed)

09.45 – 10.00 **Summary of the work carried out during and since the previous meeting. Intermediate work, work programme, timing and methodology.**

*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*

*José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project.

10.00 – 11.00 **Continuation of the discussion started during the 2nd meeting. Special reference to “Sequestration, confiscation and restitution: Sequestration of assets. Freezing of bank accounts”. (I)**

*Project Team*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Continuation of the discussion started during the 2nd meeting. Special reference to “Sequestration, confiscation and restitution: Sequestration of assets. Freezing of bank accounts”. (II)**

*Project Team*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”. Special reference to: Places - Visit and search. (I)**

*Project Team*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”. Special reference to: Places - Visit and search. (II)**

*Project Team*

**End of the first day**

**Wednesday 20 March 2013**

08.30 – 09.30 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”. Special reference to: Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing (I)**

*Project Team*

09.30 – 11.00 **Current situation regarding criminal law and procedural criminal law related to: Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing. The British experience.**

*Ayo AWOYUNGBO, Senior Crown Prosecutor at the Crown Prosecution Service, United Kingdom.*

*Debate*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”. Special reference to: Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing (II)**

*Project Team*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 **The European Judicial Network (EJN): Vision, Mission and future perspectives**  
*Fátima MARTINS*, Secretary to the European Judicial Network, Head of EJN Secretariat.  
Debate

15.30 – 15.45 Break

15.45 – 16.45 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”.  
Special reference to: Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing (III)**  
*Project Team*

**End of the second day**

**Thursday 21 March 2013**

08.30 – 10.00 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”.  
Special reference to: Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing (IV)**  
*Project Team*

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”.  
Special reference to: Cross-border operations (I)**  
*Project Team*

12.00– 13.00 **Discussion on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called “fiches belges”.  
Special reference to: Cross-border operations (II)**  
*Project Team*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.00 Address by *H.E. Ali MHANNA*, Palestinian Minister of Justice.

15.00 – 15.30 **Final remarks**

15.30 – 16.00 **Discussion on the preparation of the activities that will be developed during the  
second phase of the project and final conclusions.**  
*Project Team*

16.00 – 16.15 **Closure of the meeting**  
*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*  
*Antonino CREA*

**End of the meeting**

## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

This meeting takes place under the third main component of the project: Criminal and Penitentiary Law. The objective of this activity is two-fold, namely to promote a debate on the reform of criminal systems in the beneficiary countries, with special reference to procedural criminal law, and to improve judicial cooperation in criminal matters. This working group on criminal law also aims to provide a forum within which the above-mentioned debate can take place on ways of improving judicial cooperation. The work of this WG will focus on the preparation of a tool equivalent to the so-called "*fiches belges*" for the ENPI South partner countries.

This meeting is the last one of a series of 3 meetings devoted to this issue and will focus on the following measures: **Places - Visit and search:** Visit to and search of homes. Visit and search on the site of an offence. **Witnesses, victims, suspects - Summoning and hearing:** Summoning witnesses. Hearing witnesses: standard procedure. Hearing witnesses: by video conference. Hearing witnesses: by telephone. Hearing children. Hearing persons collaborating with the inquiry. Hearing victims/plaintiffs; Hearing experts. Summoning suspects/persons accused. Hearing suspects/persons accused: standard procedure. Hearing suspects/persons accused: by video conference. Hearing suspects/persons accused: by telephone. Confrontation. **Cross-border operations:** Cross-border observation. Cross-border hot pursuit. Cross-border tracking (by placing a beeper on a vehicle or a person). Controlled deliveries. Joint investigation teams.

### **Methodology for the preparation and delivery of the handbook**

The work to be developed shall take into account the content and structure of the European Judicial Network's "*fiches belges*" and the experience of this institution in this field. The Working Group will function as real think-tank in the field covered and will be an opportunity to exchange information and debate on various topics. The results of the work of the WG will be of paramount importance to obtain a real knowledge of the legal systems and have in-depth discussions on the topics concerned. In addition, it will also be able to use the tool equivalent to the so-called "*fiches belges*" as a practical guide. The tool will be prepared in time to be presented during the Intermediate Regional Conference in the course of the second year of the project.

Furthermore, we will have the opportunity to share the international experts' opinion and the participants' approach on the main topics under discussion from their own perspective and respective competences. Through an in-depth and detailed discussion, we will have a profound exchange on the main topics on the agenda.

### **Profiles of the experts from the beneficiary countries**

Three participants from each Mediterranean partner country are invited to take part in this meeting. Their profile should be: senior, high-level officials from the Ministry of Justice or other relevant public authority; members of the judiciary and other legal professionals; academics and representatives from civil society with a solid experience of the topics covered by this WG (Criminal Law, Criminal Procedural Law, International Criminal cooperation, etc). Due attention will be paid to ensuring that persons taking part in activities related to exchanges of experience and good practices hold strategic positions in their national institutions and that, in this capacity, they will be likely to share with their colleagues and staff lessons learned from such activities.

It would be highly desirable that the participants attending this last meeting are those who contributed to drawing up the handbook, either by attending one or several working group meetings.


### **Documentation**

A list of suggested reading documents and work documents related to the topics addressed will be provided by the Project Team ahead of the meeting.

**Working languages**

The meeting will take place in English, French and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation throughout the meeting.

**Venue and accommodation**

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