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The Prüm Implementation, Evaluation & Strengthening of

Forensic DNA Data Exchange

A Conference in Brussels on the 29th of September 2015

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Forensic DNA databases are potential sources of high-quality **cross-national intelligence** for law enforcement and judicial purposes, through the inference that two matching genetic profiles found in two different locations originate from the same person.

However, despite the 2005 **Prüm Treaty** aimed at improving the automatic exchange of forensically-relevant data (such as genetic profiles) between 15 countries, the 2008 European Union legislation requiring all Member States to participate in this exchange framework, and the successful participation of numerous countries, full implementation proved more difficult than originally anticipated.



During this **one-day conference**, we will be presenting the final results of the **PIES project**, a European Commission co-funded project that aspires to stimulate the exchange of forensic DNA data under Prüm through several activities.



Participants include representatives of EU Member states, academics, policy makers, journalists and other interested parties (including civil society) having an interest in Prüm, Forensic DNA and judicial/law-enforcement cooperation.

In the **morning**, the members of the PIES project will present a synthesis of the results.

In the **afternoon**, discussions on the results will occur during three parallel sessions on the following topics: (1) the implementation of step 1 (the automatic exchange of DNA data), (2) the obstacles to and methods of Step 2 (the manual exchange of personal/ case data), (3) the criminology and criminal justice aspects of Prüm.

More information on the PIES project: <https://nicc.fgov.be/PIES>

Agenda – Tuesday, 29th of September 2015

Time	Room	ID	What	Duration	Lead speakers
08.30–09.00	Lobby	1	<i>Registration</i>	30'	/
09.00–09.10	Auditorium	2	Opening the conference	10'	Vanessa Vanvooren
09.10–09.30	Auditorium	3	The Prüm framework on DNA data exchange and its issues	20'	Kees van der Beek
09.30–09.50		4	An overview of the PIES conference	20'	Patrick Jeuniaux
09.50–10.10		5	Methodological considerations to study transnational crime	20'	Derek Johnson
10.10–10.30		6	A summary of the research activities in the FNAEG	20'	Mathilde Huet
10.30–11.00	Lobby	7	<i>Break</i>	30'	/
11.00–11.20	Auditorium	8	A summary of the results of the survey of the Prüm post-hit procedures	20'	Nicholas Apps
11.20–11.40		9	Prüm public policy issues and recommendations	20'	Tim Wilson
11.40–12.00		10	Connecting Prüm and the EU policy cycle	20'	Pierre van Renterghem
12.00–13.00	Lobby	11	<i>Lunch</i>	60'	/
Parallel sessions 13.00–14.30	Auditorium	12	Implementing Prüm's step 1 in the Netherlands : Issues and results	30'	Kees van der Beek
		13	Implementing Prüm's step 1 in Belgium : Issues and results	30'	Morgane Kempnaers, Bieke Vanhooydonck
		14	Discussion with the public	30'	
	Room 1 (max. 40 pers.)	15	Discussing the issues with the follow-up (step 2): a survey of practices + a manual for practitioners  First occurrence of the workshop	90'	Nicholas Apps, Natalia Sabadas
	Room 2 (max. 60 pers.)	16	Evaluating the Prüm results in the Netherlands	30'	Ton Broeders
		17	Evaluating the Prüm results in France	15'	Mathilde Huet
		18	Evaluating the Prüm results in Belgium	15'	Caroline Stappers, Bertrand Renard
		19	Discussion with the public	30'	
	14.30–15.00	Lobby	20	<i>Break</i>	30'
Parallel sessions 15.00–16.30	Auditorium	21	Dealing with step 1's false positives in the Netherlands	30'	Kees van der Beek
		22	Dealing with step 1's false positives in France	30'	Mathilde Huet
		23	Discussion with the public	30'	
	Room 1 (max. 40 pers.)	24	Discussing the issues with the follow-up (step 2): a survey of practices + a manual for practitioners  Second occurrence of the SAME workshop	90'	Nicholas Apps, Natalia Sabadas
	Room 2 (max. 60 pers.)	25	Building maps of transnational crimes on the basis of Prüm	20'	Patrick Jeuniaux
		26	Analytical model on intra-EU migration and offending	20'	Derek Johnson
		27	Prüm public policy issues : learning from the past, managing the present and preparing for the future	50'	Tim Wilson, Ashley Savage, Gemma Davies
16.30–17.00	Auditorium	28	Conclusions of the conference	30'	Patrick Jeuniaux

Practical information

Contact PIES@just.fgov.be

Website <http://nicc.fgov.be/PIES-2015>

Participants

Participation is restricted to representatives of law-enforcement or judicial agencies, academics, policy makers, journalists and representatives of civil society.

Language Presentations are all in English. No translation is available.

Deadline [EXTENDED] === REGISTRATION CLOSED ===
After ~~the 30th of June~~ [the 17th of July](#) Registration will be closed

Room capacity is limited. Please make sure you register soon.

Registration

FREE – No charge

Registration includes admission, conference kit, coffee breaks, lunch.

Instructions to register are on the registration form at the end of this document.

Venue Pacheco Center.

Address of the venue Boulevard de Pachéco 13, 1000 Brussels, BELGIUM

Directions

Instruction to reach the venue are provided on the next page.

Hotels

There is no special deal with an hotel in relation to this conference.

There exists several hotels close to the venue.

Please have a look on the internet (e.g., by using <http://booking.com>).

Airport

Brussels Airport is the most convenient in terms of transfer to the center of Brussels. From the airport take the train to the North Station ("Gare du nord").

Transport in Brussels

To reach and leave the venue it is recommended to use public transportation and avoid rush hours (especially if you use a taxi).

At the North Station or South Station or any Metro station you can purchase a ticket for using the metro, the tram or the bus.

Going to the conference venue "Pacheco Center"



Address

Boulevard de Pachéco 13 Bruxelles

Directions

From "Botanique" **walk** to the Pacheco Center which is close to the bottom of the "Finance Tower" (shown on the pictures).





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To register, please send the following documents to PIES@just.fgov.be:

1. A signed and scanned copy of this registration form
2. A scanned copy of your ID card or passport with photo

!!! ATTENTION !!! : **TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE VENUE**, you **MUST** bring the ***ORIGINAL*** version of this form + your ID card or passport with photo.

We reserve the right to deny access to any suspicious person and to refuse participation to any applicant who does not represent a relevant organization.

Participation is **FREE** of charge. However, if you need to **cancel**, please tell us so that we can order the appropriate number of meals.

Title (Mr, Ms, Dr, Prof, etc.)			Your position (occupation, ...) in your organization	
Gender	Male		Nationality	
	Female			
First Name			Last Name (Family Name)	
You phone number (with country code)			Your E-mail address	
Organization you work for				
Website of your organization				
Type of your organization (pick all that apply by putting a "X" in the box)	Forensic Science		Police/ Law-enforcement	
	Forensic DNA		Justice	
	University		Journalism / News	
	Research		Public policy / Politics	
	Criminology		Non-governmental association (NGO)	
Address of the organization			Country of the organization	

I certify that this information is correct.

Date:

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