



Trio Presidency Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic
18-month work programme
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Mission Statement

Given the need for and possibilities of enhanced cooperation within the Salzburg Forum, a professional framework for cooperation must be created in the coming decade. The Salzburg Forum remains an informal Central European security partnership. Its central functions should be: firstly, cooperation and lobbying within the EU; secondly, regional cooperation; and thirdly, contributing as effectively as possible to a coherent and credible EU external strategy vis-à-vis relevant countries and regions in the security-relevant neighbourhood of the Salzburg Forum. Thus, defining a common EU policy and making a common contribution aimed at strengthening the area of freedom, security and justice will become the pivotal points of cooperation for the Salzburg Forum. Cooperation of the Salzburg Forum will be determined by the shared interests of all or several partners as well as the principle of solidarity. Other partners can be involved as well.

In view of the above, the structures of cooperation should be adjusted to those of the European Union. This implies, above all, the introduction of trio presidencies in the Salzburg Forum, the drafting and implementation of 18-month work programmes and related action plans, as well as the introduction of consistent, professional coordination based on the structures within the EU.

1. European Union

1.1. Key challenges 2011 – 2012

1. Implementation of the Stockholm Programme

- **1.a. Internal Security Strategy and COSI**
- **1.b. Asylum system**
 - **1.c. Schengen Evaluation**
 - **1.d. Accession of Bulgaria and Romania into the Schengen area**

2. EU Presidencies of Hungary and Poland in 2011

- **2.a. EU Presidency of Hungary**
- **2.b. EU Presidency of Poland**

3. Making best use of EU funds

4. Accession of Croatia

5. Contributing to the European External Action Service

6. New coordination mechanism of the Salzburg Forum

1.2. Actions

Title	Objectives	Activities	Lead/actors/partners	Timeframe
1. Implementation of the Stockholm Programme				
1.a. Internal Security Strategy and COSI	Implementation of the ISS and strengthening the role of COSI for the enforcement of internal security interests in the JHA framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common Concept for implementation of ISS (Presentation in COSI) as well as Common Position/Coordination regarding further role of COSI /future JHA working structures - Concrete proposals for the implementation of the ISS from Austria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Development of a Strategy for regional Police Cooperation -. Project: Police Equal Performance (PEP)¹; 	<u>Lead Nation: Austria</u>	-

¹ Quod vide 2.2.1. and 3.2.1.2.a.

² Quod vide 2.2.5. and 3.2.3.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of a concept against radicalisation & recruitment (Communication of the meaning of fundamental rights for everyday life to opinion leaders = pilot project for implementation of the Sarajevo Declaration of 28/29 April 2010)²; ○ Enhancement of the coherence between internal & external security (including Common Positions on Solidarity Clause) 		
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<p>1.b. Asylum system</p>	<p>Improving the co-operation and information exchange on asylum matters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous communication to identify shared concerns and prepare the ongoing negotiations in the Asylum Working Group - Workshop on special topics (in the margins of the Working Group) - Meeting of directors responsible for asylum matters (May/June 2011 in Austria) 	<p><u>Lead nation:</u> Austria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ongoing - ongoing (2 workshops took place in January and September 2010) - 1st half of 2011
<p>1.c. Schengen Evaluation</p>	<p>Consultations regarding a new proposal on Schengen Evaluation Mechanism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination of positions of Salzburg Forum states before meetings of the working party on Schengen matters. - Continuous communication of positions about the crucial aspects of the Commission proposals. - Preparation of a common position, if necessary. 	<p><u>Lead Nation:</u> Czech Republic</p>	

<p>1.d. Accession of Bulgaria and Romania into the Schengen area</p>	<p>Adopting the EU Council Decision on abolishing internal border controls for Bulgaria and Romania</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination of positions of Salzburg Forum states before meetings of the working party on Schengen matters. - Continuous communication of positions about the crucial aspects of the Commission proposals - <i>Support for a smoother process of adopting the EU Council Decision</i> 	<p><u>Lead Nation:</u> Current SF Presidency</p>	<p>- 1st quarter of 2011</p>
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2. EU Presidencies of Hungary and Poland				
2.a. EU Presidency of Hungary	<i>Support of the Hungarian EU Presidency³</i>	-	<u>Coordination:</u> Austria	
2.b. EU Presidency of Poland	<i>Support of the Polish EU Presidency</i>		<u>Coordination:</u> Bulgaria	
3. Making best use of EU funds	Increasing the volume and the efficiency of EU funds used for actions and operations of the Salzburg Forum states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a network of contact points responsible for EU funding programmes in the field of home affairs - Workshop on cooperation within the framework of EU financial programmes to be held in Vienna (exchanging experience gained with the submission and implementation of EU projects, definition of topics of common interest eligible 	<u>Lead Nation:</u> Austria	1 st half of 2011

³ According to the respective points in the 18-Month Work Programme

		<p>for EU co-funding)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common concept concerning Internal Security Fund 		
5. Contributing to the European External Action Service	<p>Creating a link between the area of freedom, security and justice and the EEAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of a discussion paper of the Salzburg Forum - Discussion in COSI - Joint meeting COSI - PSC - Preparation of Council Conclusions 	<u>Lead Nation:</u> Austria	1 st half 2011 – 2 nd half of 2011
6. New coordination mechanism of the SF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of the new coordination mechanism of the SF - Evaluation and possible adjustments of the new coordination mechanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating common positions including agencies / seats, personnel etc. 	<u>Lead Nation:</u> Current SF presidency	

2. Regional Operational Cooperation

2.1. Key Challenges 2011 - 2012

- 1. Cross-border mass criminality and itinerant groups**
- 2. Regionalisation of internal security in the EU – Regional Security Cluster**
- 3. EURO 2012 – Poland and Ukraine – Major Events**
- 4. Enhancing road safety – Cross border enforcement**
- 5. Intercultural Dialogue and Internal Security – Sarajevo Follow up**
- 6. Disaster relief**
- 7. Witness Protection**

2.2. Actions

Title	Objectives	Activities	Lead/actors/partners	Timeframe/budget
1. Cross-border mass criminality and itinerant groups	Strengthening cooperation in the fight against cross-border crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd Workshop on Operational cooperation - PEP⁴ 		
2. Regionalisation of internal security in the EU – Regional Security Cluster	Developing of a concept for a Regional Security Cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of a discussion paper - Discussion in COSI and Council - Preparation of Council Conclusions 	<u>Lead nations:</u> Austria	1 st half 2011 – 1 st half of 2012

⁴ Quod vide 1.2.1.a..and 3.2.1.2.a.

3. EURO 2012 – Poland and Ukraine – Major Events	Launching a Common Initiative on enhanced police cooperation on major football events and assistance for Poland and Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of the existing framework of cooperation with regard to football matches with an international dimension - Preparation and adoption of Council Conclusions on closing a regulatory gap regarding liability - Preparation and adoption of Council Conclusions on the further development of the Council of Europe Convention 	<u>Lead nation:</u> Poland <u>Actors:</u> Austria, Hungary	1 st half 2011 – 1 st half of 2012
4. Enhancing road safety – Cross border enforcement	Improving the co-operation on cross-border enforcement and launching a common initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop on Cross-border enforcement to be held in Austria 	<u>Lead nation:</u> Slovenia, Austria, with the assistance of Hungary	1 st half 2011 – 1 st half 2012 Expert meeting

5. Intercultural Dialogue and Internal Security - Sarajevo Follow up⁵			<u>Lead nation:</u> Austria	
6. Disaster relief	Enhancement of cooperation with the aim of improving the preparedness and ability to react efficiently and rapidly to natural disasters and to diminish their consequences	- Development and distribution of a questionnaire focused on survey of possibilities and procedures ensuring the preparedness and management of the consequences of natural disasters, in particular floods, in SF countries	<u>Lead nation:</u> Slovakia	1. half of 2011
7. Witness Protection	Enhancement of cooperation in the area of witness protection	- Meeting of the SF working group to continue the ongoing works on the preparation of the draft–joint document for cooperation in the field of witness protection of the SF countries	<u>Lead Nation:</u> Slovenia	1. half of 2011

⁵ Quod vide 1.2.1.a and 3.2.3.

3. Cooperation with Third States – Continuing support for the efforts to meet EU standards

3.1. Key challenges 2011 - 2012

1. Bringing the Western Balkan countries closer to EU standards

1.1. Visa liberalisation process and follow-up

1.2. Enhancing police cooperation

- **1.2.a. Police Equal Performance**
- **1.2.b. Implementation of the Police Cooperation Convention for SEE**
- **1.2.c. SELEC Convention**

2. Implementation of the Prague declaration on Building Migration Partnerships/Prague Process

3. Intercultural Dialogue and Internal Security – Sarajevo Follow up

4. Euroeast Police Project

3.2. Actions

Title	Objectives	Activities	Lead/actors/partners	Timeframe/budget
1. Bringing the Western Balkan countries closer to EU standards				
1.1. Visa liberalisation process and follow-up			<u>Lead nation:</u> Slovenia	
1.2. Enhancing police cooperation				
1.2.a. PEP⁶			<u>Lead nation:</u> Austria	
1.2.b. Implementation of the Police Cooperation Convention for SEE	Supporting the implementation of the Convention and exploring ways to make use of the Convention for Salzburg Forum purposes	- Preparation of a SF discussion paper	<u>Lead nation:</u> Austria with the assistance of Bulgaria and Romania	1 st half of 2011

1.2.c. SELEC Convention	Supporting the implementation of the Convention and exploring ways to make use of the Convention for Salzburg Forum purposes	- Preparation of a SF discussion paper	<u>Lead nation:</u> Romania and Austria	1 st half of 2011
2. Implementation of the Prague declaration on Building Migration Partnerships/Prague Process	Strengthening the implementation of the Eastern dimension of the Global Approach to Migration	- Preparation of an Action Plan on the implementation of the Prague declaration in terms of the Building Migration Partnership project	<u>Lead nation:</u> Poland with the assistance of Hungary, Czech Republic and other partners of the BMP Prague process	1 st half 2011 – 1 st half 2012
3. Intercultural Dialogue and Internal Security – Sarajevo Follow up⁶				
4. Euroeast Police Project			<u>Lead nation:</u> Poland	

⁶ Quod vide 1.2.1.a. and 2.2.1