

# **Security Cluster “Salzburg-Group”**

## **Development of a multi-disciplinary cooperation on security questions after the EU enlargement**

Salzburg, July 15-17, 2004

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The ministers of the interior of the Forum Salzburg, during their Salzburg meeting on July 15-17, 2004, support the following measures, proposed by the chiefs of police and border police during their Vienna meeting on March 9, 2004 to the Salzburg group.

The chiefs of police and border police of Austria, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary have, by further developing their existing cooperation for the purpose of

- improving the security of citizens of countries, belonging to the “Salzburg Group” within the framework of the European Union,
- promoting a full participation of Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary in the Schengen system,
- establishing comprehensive and functioning police and border police cooperation for the period after the abolition of personal checks at the internal borders,

having regard to

- bilateral agreements, in particular on police and border police cooperation,
- the acquis of the European Union, including the Schengen acquis,
- other international agreements and
- national laws of the participating countries

recommended an enhancement of cooperation, in particular by the following measures:

**Joint security situation assessments**

**Joint centres or service contact points**

**Exchange of liaison officers**

**Mixed patrols**

**Concerted action plans**

**Cross-border pursuit**

**Special forms of cooperation** (e.g. cross-border observation, controlled delivery, under-cover investigations, joint investigation groups)

**Joint control and observation groups; cross-border search actions**

**Cooperation upon request, administrative assistance in urgent cases, information transfer without request**

**Assistance during incidents of significant relevance**

**Traffic police cooperation**

**Training and further training**

Any of the measures mentioned above are to be agreed upon bilaterally, depending on requirements.

For the evaluation and further development of cooperation the following is recommended:

- Regular bilateral meetings of persons responsible for border areas
- Regular bilateral strategy reviews, e.g. within the scope of bilateral meetings of police and border police chiefs
- Annual conference of police and border police chiefs of the Salzburg Group, with the consent of chairmanship

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