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About ENLETS

The European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS) brings together 29 members from across Europe to address and action shared priorities. The network frequently meets to discuss relevant topics related to technologies, capabilities and pertinent challenges. Through National Contact Points, the group exchanges information and connects appropriate parties to exchange best practices, foster co-creation and initiate research. ENLETS supports the EU's strategic vision and goals connected with security.

ENLETS works by sharing best practices on a broad level, engaging on mutual priorities and stimulating future projects that can help fill the gaps and known issues facing law enforcement. The environment promotes collaboration and fosters a supportive network, working to help each other through current challenges.

At the Technology Interest Group (TIG) level, best practices sit at the centre and ideas and insights help stimulate progress across Europe. The groups share use cases, recent projects and struggles. A secure chat application – ENLETS Messenger Service - is widely used between meetings to support the exchange of good practices and valuable materials that support the efforts of each group.

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About TIGs

Based on the strategic goals of the European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services, the community can establish Technology Interest Groups. The TIGs work in a structured way and are led by an expert from a member state.

TIGs are formed to achieve ENLETS' objectives and support front line policing, crime and public protection as well as procurement-related challenges. Objectives, duration and membership will be described in a Project Initiation Document (PID), approved by the ENLETS Core Group.

There are TIGs dedicated to six different areas:

- Digital Workplace
- Public Order
- C-UAS
- Financial Investigation
- Operational Centres
- Green Policing



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About the Report

The ENLETS Public Order Technology Interest Group (PO TIG) met in Poland between the 24th and 28th of April 2023. The group visited three places. The first was the Mazovian Voivodeship Police Headquarters in Radom. The second was the POLSECURE fair in Kielce, and the last was the Police Academy in Szczytno.

This was an occasion to continue discussions about best practices and gaps and needs of police officers commanding policing actions during mass events, but also a chance to get acquainted with Polish training methods, and to search for new technology providers at the fair.

Through the following report, we use this opportunity to present the PO TIG, and its way of cooperation.

We encourage you also to watch the video introducing the PO TIG:



PO TIG - Background

In 2021 the Public Order Technology Interest Group was established to exchange experience and monitor innovative solutions that can improve police abilities to sustain security during mass events and crisis situations.

The aim of the PO TIG is to help consolidate understanding of multiple approaches and technologies used across the European Union to keep public spaces secure and citizens safe. The group follows the spirit of ENLETS to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and best practices between different Law Enforcement Agencies in EU, by stimulating cooperation among relevant groups and networks. Moreover, the group is working towards several key objectives:

Establishing a landscape on the current state-of-play in the EU for broad Public Order topics.

Defining and systemising the gaps and needs of LEAs.

Identifying technological innovations and methods to support officers in their duties.

Currently, the group consists of 30 members from 14 European countries: Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Main Tasks of the PO TIG

The PO TIG members, coordinated by the TIG leader, are working in the following areas:

Task 1 – Pan-European Group

Forming and sustaining a Pan-European Public Order Technology Interest Group consisting of LEA practitioners at national and regional levels as well as other Law Enforcement Working Parties Networks.

The task involves the organisation of cyclical meetings, exchange of thoughts, and experiences, as well as stimulating a dialogue on needs and expectations.

Four face-to-face meetings were organised until now:

- January 2022 – Poznan, Poland;
- September 2022 – I-LEAD INDUSTRY & RESEARCH DAYS 2022; Hague, The Netherlands;
- February 2023 – I-LEAD End Conference and ENLETS' TIG Meetings: Athens, Greece;
- April 2023 – F2F Meeting: Radom-Kielce-Szczytno, Poland.



Task 2 – State-of-Play

Conducting an in-depth and comprehensive study on the state-of-play in Public Order Systems in Europe and examining the influence of COVID-19 – identifying changes, challenges, new threats, and experiences of other countries.

The study will identify current public order equipment, technology, legal regulations, trainings, working methods and processes, standards, and/or automation used by European LEAs and will also serve as a starting point for future TIG cooperation. Part of this task is also to develop a compendium of knowledge on the legal basis of police operations, including the use of direct coercive measures by Riot Police Units. Finally, good practices in tactics (Riot Police Units) used by LEA in Europe will be collected and placed in a repository.



Task 3 – Gaps and Needs

Identifying the gaps and needs related to public order equipment, technologies, legal regulations, trainings, working methods and processes, standards, and/or automation.

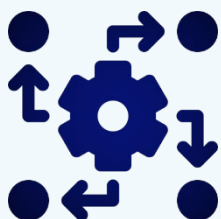
The group focus mainly on personal equipment, special vehicles and technology. This task is directly connected to the state of play analysis and uses the methods indicated above. The identified deficiencies will be part of the state of play report.



Task 4 – Industry and Research

Market and research monitoring in the field of Public Order.

The task includes mainly: conducting a desktop research, survey to collect input from LEA and participation in the industry trade fairs to search the available solutions and allow practitioners test the presented technologies and learn about the latest research findings in the area of public order.



Task 5 – Dissemination

Sharing best practices and disseminating TIG outcomes among interested stakeholders and relevant EU agencies.

The sensitive results will be disseminated among the ENLETS members, through internal communication channels. For public reports, the primary communication tool will be the ENLETS website, ENLETS Messenger Service and social media profiles.



Recent results

These are the most recent results of the work of the Public Order TIG. As these reports are confidential, they are disseminated among the ENLETS members, and with the help of ENLETS' National Contact Points, are delivered to national law enforcement agencies.

The State-of-Play Report

Report on the state-of-play of European LEA practitioners on public order, including needs and gaps in the field.

One of the tasks of PO TIG was to acquire and systematise knowledge about the Public Order Systems in countries where representatives are members of the TIG. This assumption was implemented with the consent of TIG participants in the period from June 2021 to February 2022, when work was done on the creation of a questionnaire containing 21 questions. The team analysed and systematised all knowledge resulting from individual responses. The result of these activities was the creation of a document in the form of an interactive PowerPoint review, enabling easy familiarisation with valuable content.



Our study identifies current public order equipment, technology, legal regulations, training, working methods and processes, standards and automation used by European LEAs, and will also serve as a starting point for future TIG cooperation.

Gaps & Needs Requirements

Gaps and needs are one of the most important themes and goals of the Public Order TIG.

Determining requirements allows the group to start scanning the market in terms for technological solutions and companies producing them. As a consequence, it helps the organisation of Research and Industry Days.

The most important findings concern:

- Personal equipment;
- Special vehicles;
- Technology (communication etc.).



Recent results II

Legal Basis Report

Report on the legal basis of public order units operations is a compendium of knowledge on the legal basis of police operations, indicating how the Public Order Systems are organised, what are the legal bases, what measures of direct coercive measures can be used in individual countries and who makes decisions about their use.

As a follow-up to the previous questionnaire on the state-of-play on Public Order Systems in Europe and examining the influence of COVID-19, we shared the survey which extends questions about the legal systems and contributes to develop a compendium of knowledge on the legal basis of police operations. This questionnaire consisted of 3 questions on:

- organising public protests and assemblies;
- using coercive measures from legal point;
- punishment system & criminal responsibility.

The results of this survey were used to create report containing the legal basis of Public Order Units operations, including the use of direct coercive measures by Riot Police Units.



Current Work

Industry Day Report

The Public Order TIG members are currently preparing the report from their visit to the POLSECURE 2023 police fair in Kielce, Poland on the 26th of April.

The first step was gathering the list of gaps and needs of the public order agencies in Europe. When this work was done, and the list completed, TIG members started their search for industry providers of the needed solutions. The fair provided a great opportunity for such a task. This report is expected to be finished in the coming months.

Meeting in Poland

A primary task of the Public Order TIG is to organise cyclical meetings to facilitate the exchange of thoughts and experiences. Recently, the third meeting took place between the 24th and 28th of April 2023 in Poland, where TIG members visited three destinations:

- Mazovian Voivodeship Police Headquarters in Radom;
- POLSECURE police fair in Kielce;
- Police Academy in Szczytno.

After months of creating a list of gaps and needs for public order services in different European countries, the group met to summarise the effort and look for innovative technology providers during the fair. At the same time, the opportunity was taken to get acquainted with the Polish methods of securing mass events, and new training processes for commanding officers.

Video Clip

A short video clip presenting this meeting was prepared:

Radom

The first part of five-day meeting took place in Radom, the place of service of the Public Order TIG chairman, Insp. Jakub Gorczyński – 1st Deputy Provincial Police Commander.

Here, the members of the group participated in the equipment demonstrations and the drills of officers from the Preventive Police Department in Radom and the Independent Counter-Terrorist Subdivision of the Police. They also got to know the elements and tactics of the operational units, as well as the methods of action of the Mazovian Police in the field of ensuring public order. The guests were acquainted with the police facilities and their functioning, including the shooting range.



POLSECURE

Weapons, drones, specialized clothing or telescopes – these are just some of the tools needed by public services every day. The three-day event in Kielce, between April 25-27, was an opportunity to learn about the latest technological solutions in the field of security. So far, this is just the second edition, and you can already see that interest is growing at a fast pace.

The POLSECURE is much more than a presentation of equipment. Visitors had the opportunity to talk with the representatives directly, which gives hope for fruitful cooperation in the future. In addition, presentations, seminars, and discussion panels were held during the fair on, for example, the development of innovation and building human capital in the context of combating cybercrime.



Szczytno

The final destination was the Police Academy in Szczytno, where experts took part in a computer simulation as an element of training of police command officers during complex crisis situations. They had a chance to build their own operational centre and practice the management of police activities during demonstrations and riots. The Police Academy is one of a kind, as it is a place where tactics for handling mass events can be practiced in a safe, virtual environment. This allowed the experts to demonstrate their approach to this kind of responsibility. The goal of such a collective training was to share experiences and show procedures that are followed by practitioners across the European Union.



Fot. Krzysztof Wasynczuk – Press officer of WSPOL.

Upcoming PO TIG Meetings

- The group will continue to organise the subsequent meetings.
- The next face-to-face meeting of the PO TIG members will most probably take place in autumn 2023 in Brussels, Belgium.



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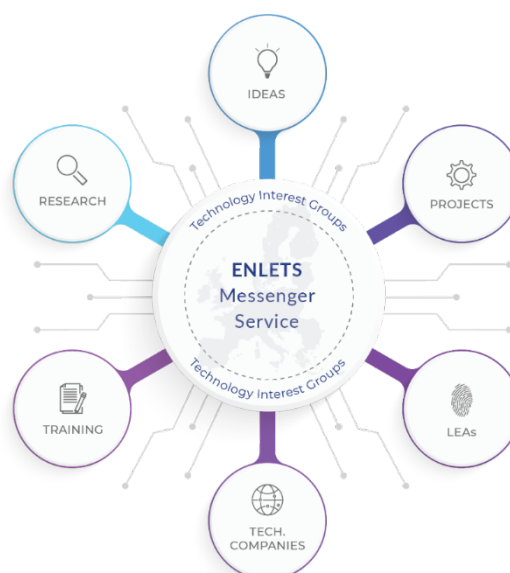
Join ENLETS!

If you want to join the TIG and contribute to similar events and activities, please '[Join ENLETS](#)'.

PO TIG already gathered 30 partners from 14 countries and is open to invite more LEAs. The leader of the group is Inspector Jakub Gorczyński.

If you want to learn more about PO TIG and the results of its work, e.g. reports, please contact us:

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