National Workshop on Establishing an Advance Passenger Information System (API) in Moldova
Chișinău (Moldova), 10-12 July 2018
OSCE Transnational Threats Department/Border Security and Management Unit

Tuesday, 10 July

Time	Issue
	This day is focussed on providing an overview of what API is and why it is relevant, as well as discussing key principles for the use of API
09:00-09:30	**Opening remarks** *Welcome by:* *-Representative from the Ministry of Interior* *-Lajos Karakas, Acting Deputy Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Moldova* *-Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, Transnational Threats Department/Border Security and Management Unit (TNTD), OSCE*
09:30-10:15	**Tour de table** − Providing an opportunity for participants to introduce themselves and share their backgrounds and expectations for the workshop. *Activity facilitated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*
10:15-10:45	**Break**

10:45-12:30	**Introduction: What is API, why API and where do we stand now?**
	
	 − Defining and addressing the problem
	      o Assessing the threat posed by the flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters across borders
	      o Setting out the requirements for API under UN Security Council Resolutions 2178 (2014) and 2309 (2016) and the EU API Directive
	
	 Presentation by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE
	
	 − Overview of API
	      o Determining the differences between batch API and interactive API (iAPI) and between API and Passenger Name Record (PNR)
	      o Examining how API can be used as a decision-making tool to effectively process airline passengers
	
	 Presentation by Andrew Priestley, Director, Agile Borders
	
	 − An overview of the Government's API capabilities and ambitions
	      o Understanding the current national passenger processing environment and the government's policy position on API
	      o Identifying whether there is an API/PNR/iAPI project underway in the country
	
	 Presentation by a representative from the Ministry of Interior

12:30-13:30	**Lunch break**

13:30-14:15	**The potential costs and benefits of implementing an API system**
	
	− Using API for law enforcement purposes
	    o Exploring the matching of API data against watch lists, including INTERPOL databases, to conduct effective passenger screening and risk assessments.
	
	Presentation by Bozidar Popovic, Deployment Officer, INTERPOL
	
	− The effects of API on airlines and the travelling public
	    o Analysing the value of API in reducing passenger clearance times
	    o Understanding the challenges that airlines face during the development of an API system
	
	Presentation by James-Patrick Sgueglia, Project Manager – Regulatory Processes, Lufthansa

14:15-15:00	**The international and the national legal frameworks for API data collection, storage and processing** − Examining the Standards and Recommended Practices under Annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Chicago Convention − Understanding how to establish an API system in accordance with international standards − Determining the required legal framework for airlines to be able to transmit passengers' API information to border authorities − The need for airlines to comply with data protection laws nationally and internationally *Presentation by Adrian Carbajo Ariza, Adviser on Passenger Data Exchange, TNTD, OSCE*
15:00-15:30	**Break**
15:30-16:15	**Description and evaluation of the current passenger processing environment** − Identifying areas of difficulty, constraints (e.g. systems infrastructure, manpower, material resources…), strengths, opportunities and demands being placed on border control agencies and on carriers − Assessing the effectiveness of the current practices and establishing targets *Group activity coordinated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*
16:15-17:00	**Description and evaluation of the current passenger processing environment** *General discussion moderated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*
17:00	**Closing**

Wednesday, 11 July

Time	Issue
	The second day is focussed on analyzing the available IT service providers, learning best practices from other States' experiences, and discussing how to set up a passenger data exchange programme.
09:00-09:30	**Welcome and summary of previous day's training** *Group exercise coordinated by Adrián Carbajo Ariza, Adviser on Passenger Data Exchange, TNTD, OSCE*
09:30-10:30	**Key requirements for developing an integrated national API strategy** – Determining your needs and objectives and understanding global standards – Developing a national legal framework – Establishing inter-agency co-operation and the 'single window' mechanism – Assessing collaborative implementation with stakeholders and ensuring realistic timeline expectations *Presentation by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*
10:30-11:00	**Break**
11:00-12:30	**Exchange of other national experiences and best practices in the implementation of an API system and the utilization of flight passenger data** *Presentation by Tamás Juhász, Hungarian Counter-terrorism Information and Criminal Analysis Centre*
12:30-13:30	**Lunch break**
13:30-15:15	**Obstacles and roadblocks to API connectivity** – Identifying lessons learnt and best practices in establishing connectivity between airline and government communication networks – Analysing the issues experienced in seeking to tie existing government systems together to support inter-agency co-operation – Examining how to develop detailed technical specifications needed to support programming of API systems *Presentations by:* *- Peter Butler, DCS Product Manager, Amadeus* *- Amr el Rahwan, Senior ID Solutions Consultant, WCC Smart Search & Match* *- Dmitry Taranko, Business Developer, SITA* *- Jon Floyd, Information Management Services, Rockwell Collins* *- Eric Isabey, API-PNR Business Development Manager, Conztanz*
15:15-15:45	**Break**

15:45-17:00	**Funding Opportunities** – Discussion of financial and technical support available from donor states and/or international organizations *Presentations by:* *- Greg Falcon, National Targeting Centre, US Customs and Border Protection* *- Steven Daniels, Justice and Home Affairs Officer, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova*
17:00	**Closing**

Thursday, 12 July

Time	Issue
	The third day is focussing on multilateral discussions to identify and come up with a Road Map for implementation
09:00-09:30	**Welcome and summary of 2nd day training** *Group exercise coordinated by Adrián Carbajo Ariza, Adviser on Passenger Data Exchange, TNTD, OSCE*

09:30-10:45	**Drafting of a Road Map for implementation (Steps 1 and 2)**
	
	– Reviewing the requirements of the session
	– Drafting a Road Map for implementation based on the practices analysed, the problems and opportunities identified, and the targets set during Days 1 and 2
	
	Special attention should be paid to:
	   o Establishment of a joint passenger clearance process where the role and responsibility of each agency is clearly identified
	   o Opportunities afforded by international co-operation with border control agencies in other countries
	   o Description of the use of Information and Communication Technology in the processing of passengers
	   o Establishment of legal authority to acquire access to, or require to transfer, use and store API data
	   o Adherence to technical standards, formats and procedures set out in the internationally recognized guidelines
	
	Group activity coordinated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE

10:45-11:15	**Break**
11:15-12:30	**Drafting of a Road Map for implementation (Steps 3 and 4)** *General discussion moderated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*
12:30-13:30	**Lunch break**

13:30-14:45	**Drafting of a Road Map for implementation (Steps 5, 6, 7 and 8)** *Continuation of the general discussion*
14:45-15:00	**Wrap-up and closing of the workshop** – Providing an opportunity for participants to give feedback about the organization of the workshop *Final remarks by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE*