

**National Workshop on Establishing an Advance Passenger
Information System (API) in Armenia**
Venue TBC, Yerevan (Armenia), 17 – 19 June 2019
 OSCE Transnational Threats Department/Border Security and Management Unit

Monday, 17 June

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| | 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 |
| | Opening remarks |
| 09:00-09:30 | <p><i>Welcome by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Representative from the Relevant Ministry -Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, Transnational Threats Department/Border Security and Management Unit (TNTD), OSCE |
| | Tour de table |
| 09:30-10:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Providing an opportunity for participants to introduce themselves and share their backgrounds and expectations for the workshop. <p><i>Activity facilitated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| 10:15-10:45 | Break |
| | Introduction: What is API, why API and where do we stand now? |
| 10:45-12:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Defining and addressing the problem</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessing the threat posed by the flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters across borders ○ Setting out the requirements for API under UN Security Council Resolutions 2178 (2014) and 2309 (2016) and the EU API Directive <p><i>Presentation by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> – <u>Overview of API</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determining the differences between batch API and interactive API (iAPI) and between API and Passenger Name Record (PNR) ○ Examining how API can be used as a decision-making tool to effectively process airline passengers <p><i>Presentation by Andrew Priestley, Director, Agile Borders</i></p> – <u>An overview of the Government's API capabilities and ambitions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding the current national passenger processing environment and the government's policy position on API ○ Identifying whether there is an API/PNR/iAPI project underway in the country <p><i>Presentation by a representative from the Ministry of Interior</i></p> |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch break |

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| <p>13:30-14:15</p> | <p>The potential costs and benefits of implementing an API system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Using API for law enforcement purposes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Exploring the matching of API data against watch lists, including INTERPOL databases, to conduct effective passenger screening and risk assessments. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation by representative, INTERPOL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The effects of API on airlines and the travelling public</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation by representative of airline industry</i></p> |
| <p>14:15-15:00</p> | <p>The international and the national legal frameworks for API data collection, storage and processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The international legal framework</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Examining the Standards and Recommended Practices under Annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Chicago Convention o Understanding how to establish an API system in accordance with international standards. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation by representative, ICAO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The national legal framework</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Determining the required legal framework for airlines to be able to transmit passengers' API information to border authorities <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation by Armin Dervoz, API/PNR project, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| <p>15:00-15:30</p> | <p>Break</p> |
| <p>15:30-16:15</p> | <p>Description and evaluation of the current passenger processing environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Group activity coordinated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| <p>16:15-17:00</p> | <p>Description and evaluation of the current passenger processing environment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General discussion moderated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| <p>17:00</p> | <p>Closing</p> |

Tuesday, 18 June

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| | <p>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.</p> |
| 09:00-09:30 | <p>Welcome and summary of previous day's training</p> <p><i>Group exercise coordinated by Armin Dervoz, API/PNR project, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| 09:30-10:30 | <p>Key requirements for developing an integrated national API strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p><i>Presentation by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| 10:30-11:00 | <p>Break</p> |
| 11:00-12:30 | <p>Exchange of other national experiences and best practices in the implementation of an API system and the utilization of flight passenger data</p> <p><i>Presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Representative, Hungary</i> - <i>Representative, Luxembourg</i> - <i>Representative, ICAO</i> |
| 12:30-13:30 | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| 13:30-15:15 | <p>Obstacles and roadblocks to API connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p><i>Presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>List of invited service providers</i> |
| 15:15-15:45 | <p>Break</p> |
| 15:45-17:00 | <p>Funding Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of financial and technical support available from donor states and/or international organizations <p><i>Presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Representative, US Customs and Border Protection (TBC)</i> - <i>Representative, Delegation of the European Union to Armenia (TBC)</i> |

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| 17:00 | Closing |
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Wednesday, 19 June

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| | 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 <i>Group exercise coordinated by Armin Dervoz, API/PNR project, TNTD, OSCE</i> |
| 09:30-10:45 | <p style="text-align: center;">Drafting of a Road Map for implementation (Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 <p>Special attention should be paid to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishment of a joint passenger clearance process where the role and responsibility of each agency is clearly identified ○ Establishment of legal authority to acquire access to, or require to transfer, use and store API data ○ Adherence to technical standards, formats and procedures set out in the internationally recognized guidelines <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Group activity coordinated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| 10:45-11:15 | Break |
| 11:15-12:30 | Drafting of a Road Map for implementation (Steps 5, 6, 7, 8) <i>General discussion moderated by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i> |
| 12:30-12:45 | <p style="text-align: center;">Wrap-up and closing of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Providing an opportunity for participants to give feedback about the organization of the workshop <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Final remarks by Simon Deignan, Programme Manager, TNTD, OSCE</i></p> |
| 12:45-13:45 | Lunch |