

# BEYOND THE FEEU PROJECT

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## Background

- Fingerprints are scientifically robust to prove identity
- Different data required by MS to enter data to criminal registers
- Confirming nationality (False Documents/Power to demand)
- ECRIS Framework Decision includes fingerprints
- Support to Prüm and other exchange initiatives





## Central Authority Benefits

- Ensure that criminal registers are accurate and that convictions are recorded against the correct individual
- Critical for resolving ID disputes particularly where false identities have been provided
- Raise awareness of transnational offending behaviour





# Law Enforcement Benefits

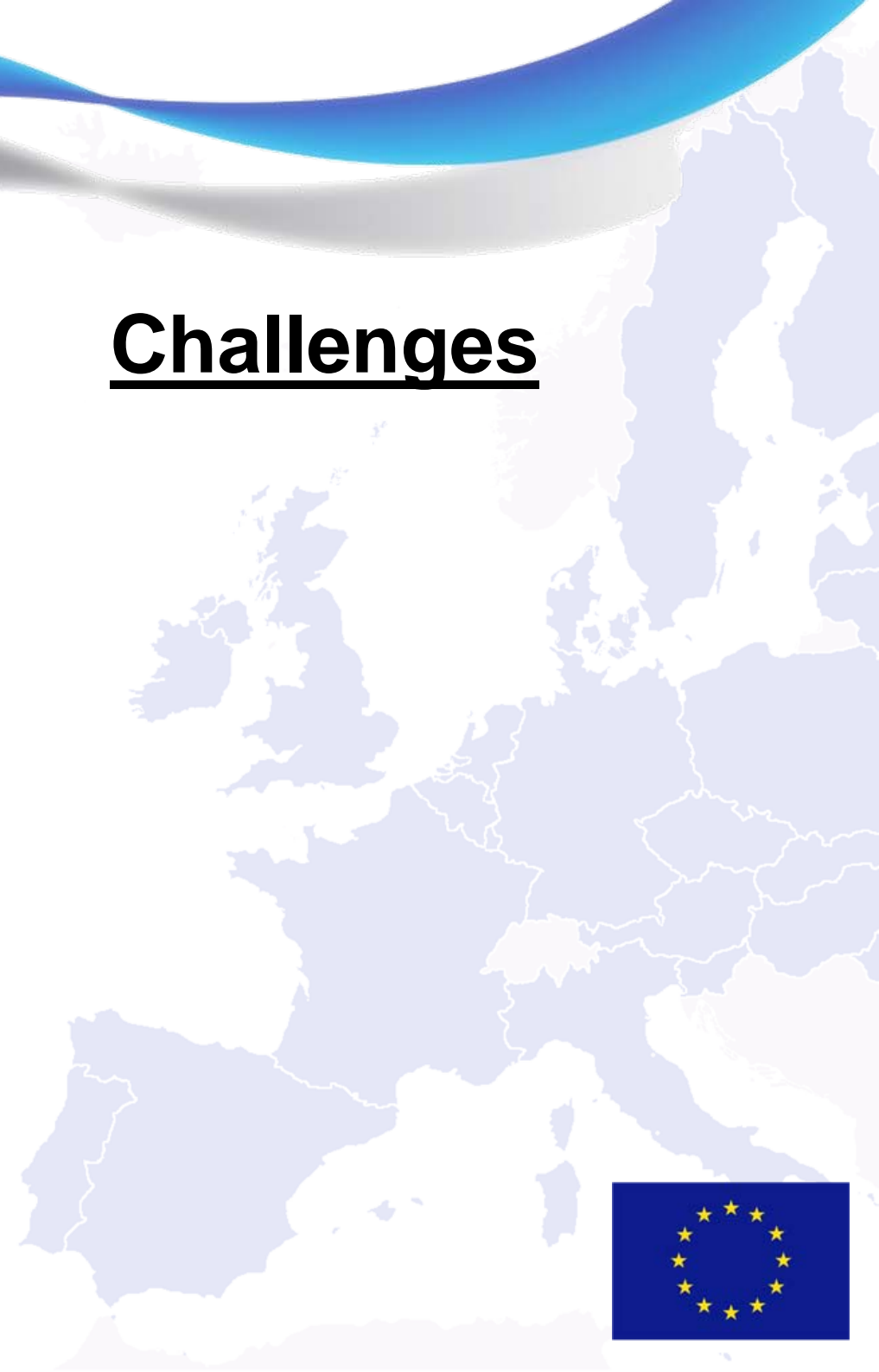
- Identify persons wanted on European Arrest Warrants (EAW)
- Assist in securing the convictions of serious offenders
- Ensure comprehensive fingerprint registers
- Support other fingerprint exchange initiatives extending beyond the EU
- Identify historic criminality links – EU/TCN





# Challenges

- Funding
- Political
- Resources
- Legal





# Post Project Commitment

- Retain UK Fingerprint staff
- Support fingerprint capability IT investment for minimum 3 years
- Work with all MS to exchange fingerprints to identify convicted persons
- Continue work to compliment Prum
- Continue population of Interpol for non-nationals, particularly non-EU. (Singapore General Assembly 2009)





## Next Steps

- FEEU Project meeting with the European Commission - 17/01/12
- Proposed project extension beyond March 2012
- Support Member States wishing to exchange using ECRIS
- Collate persuasive case studies and benefits to share with MS
- Encourage population of the Interpol AFIS database





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