



IDQEUC Newsletter

Improving Data Quality of EU Criminals

Project Overview

The Improving Data Quality of EU Criminals (IDQEUC) Project concerns the development of data capture of foreign nationals to reduce rejections and aid towards the exchange of criminal convictions.

Police and judicial authorities across the EU routinely exchange data on EU criminals but it can be challenging for Member States to assist each other if the data they are sharing is not of good quality or is insufficient to correctly identify individuals. Each Member State has its own unique ways to identify their nationals.

ACRO submitted a bid to the EU Commission to address this issue and have been awarded funding for a project to Improve Data Quality for EU Criminals (IDQEUC).

The project has three key objectives:

- 1) Improve the quality of criminals information exchanged throughout the EU.
- 2) Provide a resource to ensure mutual understanding amongst practitioners (police, central authorities and courts) regarding other member States requirements.
- 3) Contribute existing EU wide cooperation around EU criminal records exchange.

These objectives will be addressed through a learning package which will be available to all EU Member States. This learning package aims to inform practitioners on the procedures for obtaining criminal records information from other EU Member States and the importance of correct data capture.

There will also be a desktop and mobile reference tool. The tool will allow practitioners to identify the information that is needed by another EU Member State in order to identify the correct person's criminal history. ACRO's media team have designed a logo for the reference tool. After brainstorming with all the possible words best to describe this reference tool we have come up with ERIC (European Request Information Capture). The logo incorporates the European stars and can be seen at top left hand corner of this newsletter. The entire product will be available in all languages of the EU Member States.

Country Questionnaire

In order to achieve full success on this project it is vital we capture the correct data from all member countries. To help us understand each member states processes and procedures we have put together a questionnaire and sent this round to all member states.

This may have been sent to the central authority or the contact representing for that member state who we have managed to gain after sending out an initial email. So far we have had responses from Cyprus, Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Romania, Spain, Portugal, Czech Republic and Ireland.

Project Board

The IDQEUC project team will meet with all Project Board Members every three months. The first meeting was held at ACRO on 23rd April 2014.

The board consists of members from the Home Office, the National Policing lead for International Crime (Senior User), NDFU, Police Scotland, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Hampshire and Thames Valley ITC (Senior Supplier), ACRO Media and ACRO Finance.

Each member has been selected for their particular knowledge and skills to help enhance this project and drive it forward to a successful conclusion.

As this was the initial meeting, the agenda was mainly focused on providing information to the board, who approved the 623,000 Euro budget and two year project plan.

The minutes of the Project Board meeting can be found on the IDQEUC Project CIRCABC interest group.

Contact

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Partner Country Meeting

The first partner country meeting was held in June in London and was hosted at the Home Office. Experts from our three partner countries - France, Spain and Romania - attended and gave great input.

During our meeting we presented the issues we face with data capture and data exchange, what the solutions are and finally showed our partner countries the concept for the reference tool.

The next meeting will be held in Nantes, France in October 2014. The minutes of the partner country meeting can be found on the IDQEUC Project CIRCABC interest group.

Missing Contacts

We are still yet to gain contacts for the following countries:

- Germany
- Greece
- Slovenia

If you have any contacts that could assist in the project for one of these member states please let us know.



Progress Update

The IDQEUC project is currently working to plan and to budget. Risks are continually monitored and there are no risks significant enough to escalate to the ACRO Governance Board.

Workstream 0 has been completed. The first project stage, Project Initiation Document (PID) and Project Documents, have been completed on schedule between March and April 2014.

The Stage, Research and Consultation (which has been set from May to August 2014) is in progress and on schedule. The stage, Business Requirements, which has been set for June to August

2014, is in progress and on schedule.

The stage, Design and Development, was set for August to October 2014, and is in progress, ahead of schedule. A prototype concept tool has been produced in visual basic, which has informed the project for the development of the business requirements for the Reference Tool.

The stage, Tender, has been set to be undertaken between September and November 2014, is in progress and ahead of schedule. The first potential supplier meeting has been held and their estimated costs supplied. Further potential supplier meetings have been arranged.

