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Mutual Understanding of Criminal Records Information Project (MUCRI)

Findings in relation to identity

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Aim of the Project

To enhance the mutual understanding of exchanged criminal records information by identifying problems and challenges experienced by member states and making recommendations for future improvement

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Methodology



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- **Focus group** – with UKCA-ECR staff
- **Initial questionnaire** – sent to the central authorities of all member states (excluding UK) – completed by 23 member states
- **Detailed questionnaire** – completed by 17 member states
- **Interview/Observation** – 7 member states visited

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Key Challenges



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- Verifying identity
- Understanding translations
- Information on and layout of conviction certificate
- Understanding offences
- Understanding sanctions
- Obtaining/requiring additional information
- Communication between central authorities
- 'Other' issues (ECRIS volumes, understanding other jurisdictions, lack of information exchanged, requests)

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Key Statistics



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- **75%** of member states experienced challenges in verifying the identity of the convicted person
- **70%** of member states experienced challenges in verifying identity in relation to notifications received from the UK
- **100%** of interviewed member states with a centralised population register/identity database raised verification of identity as a significant issue
- **70%** of member states which exchange fingerprints are based either within the interior ministry or the police service
- **63%** of member states central authorities based within the police exchange fingerprints with at least one other member state

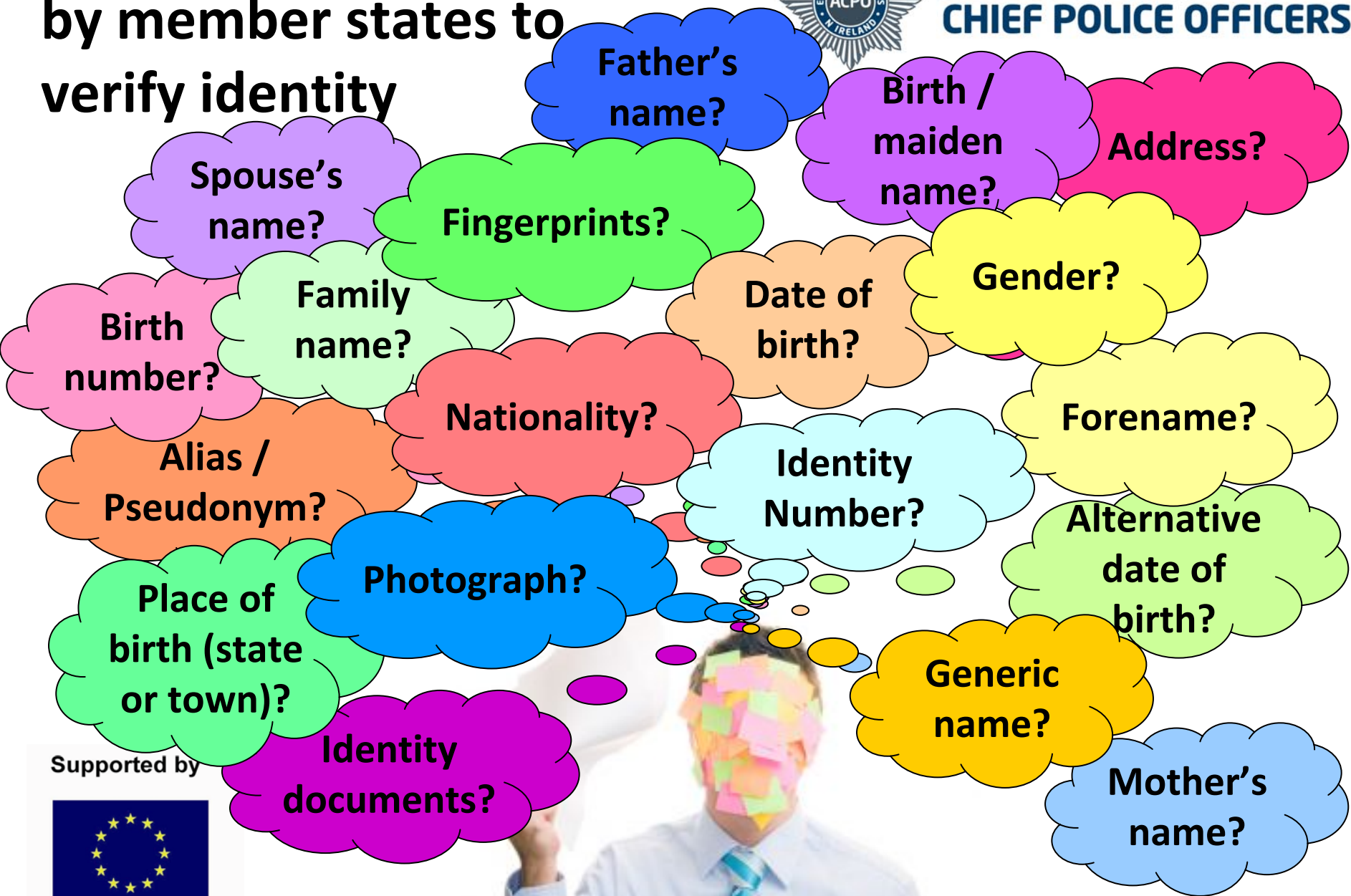
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Information required by member states to verify identity



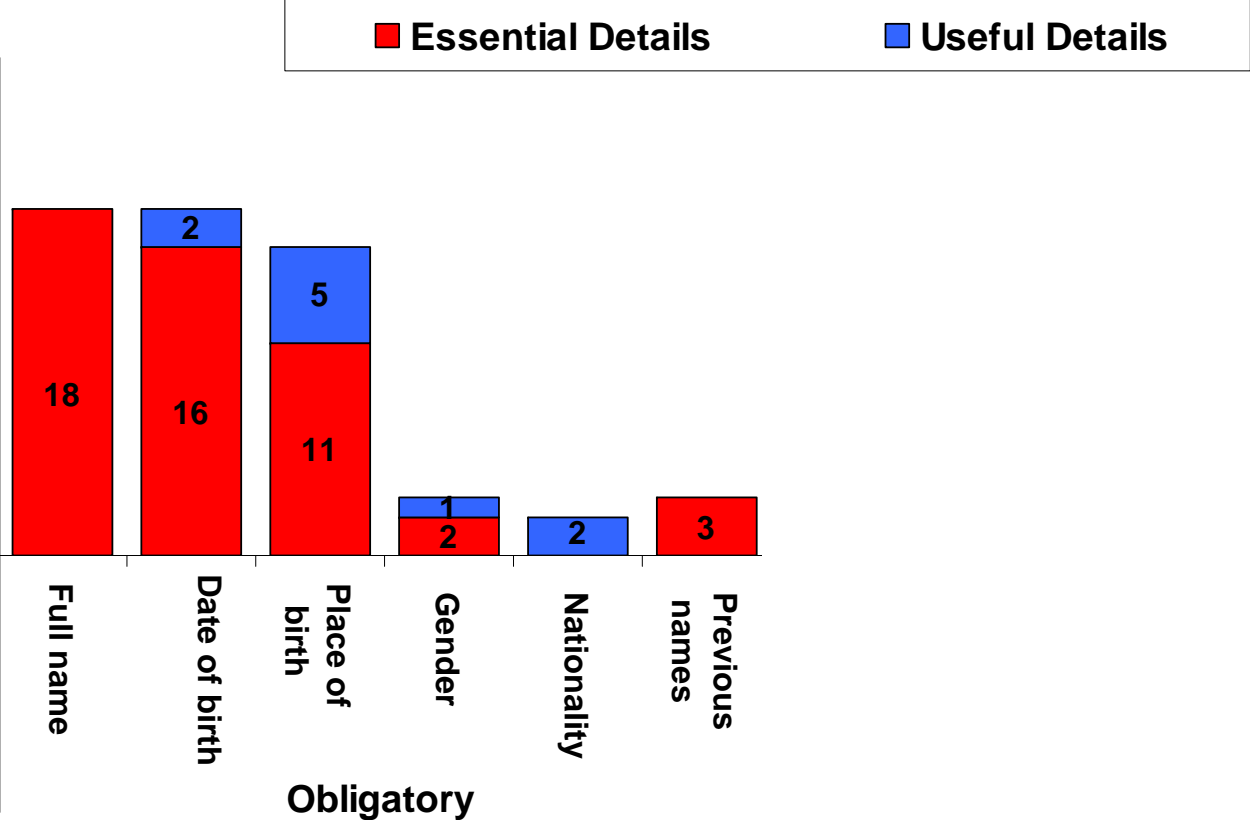
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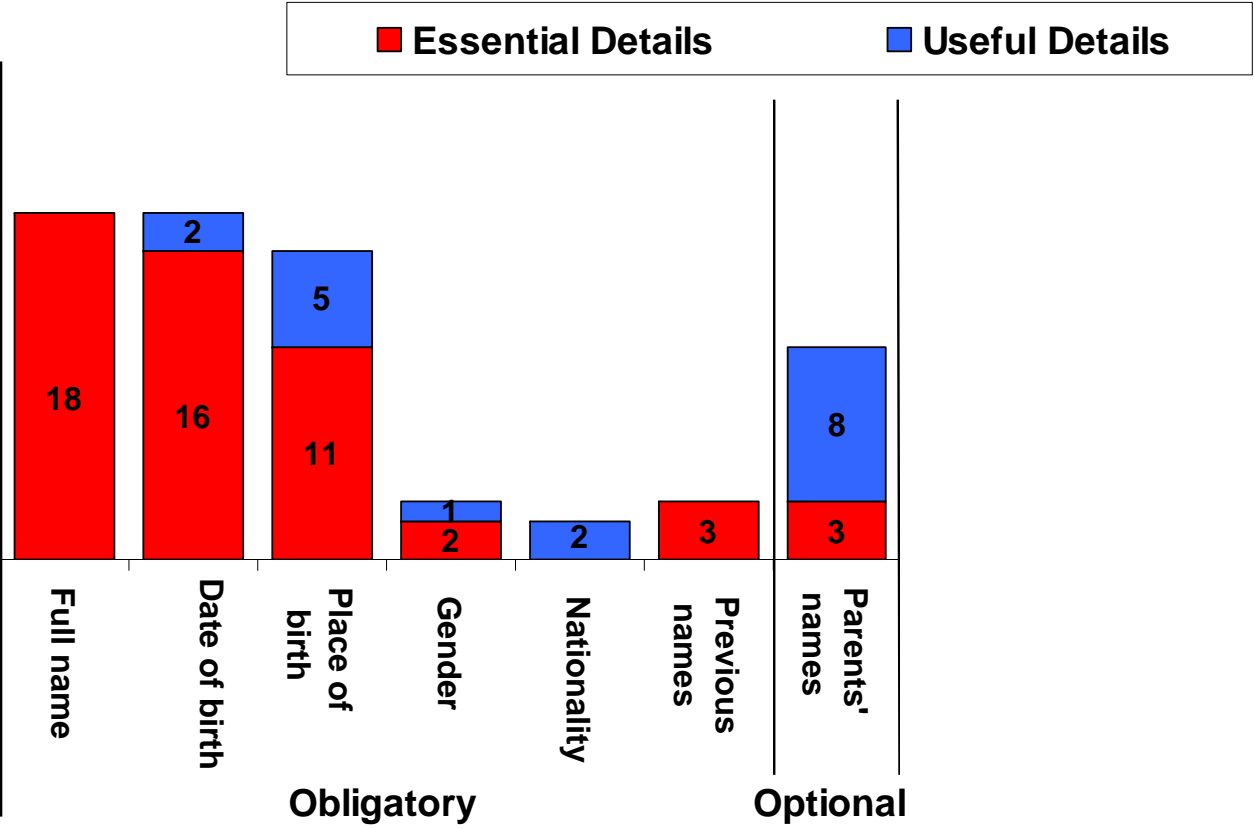
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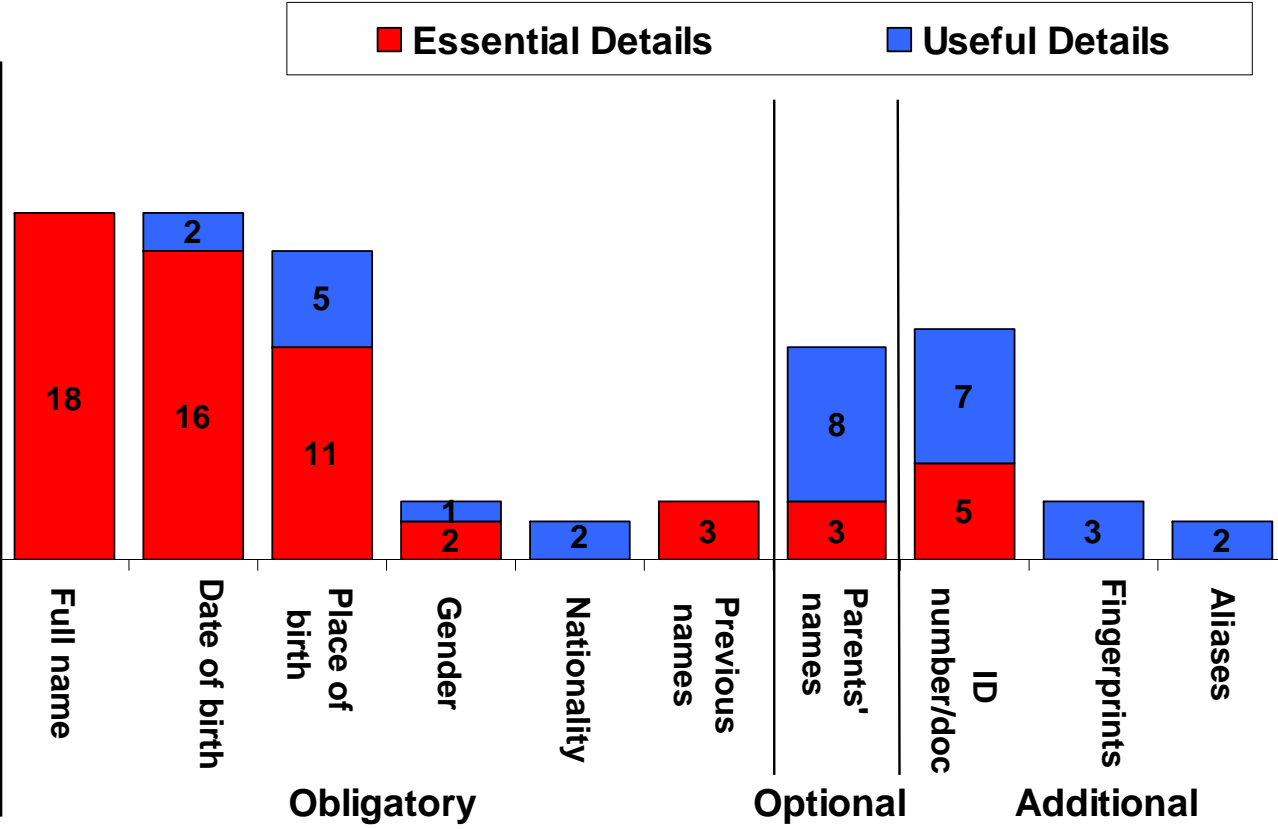
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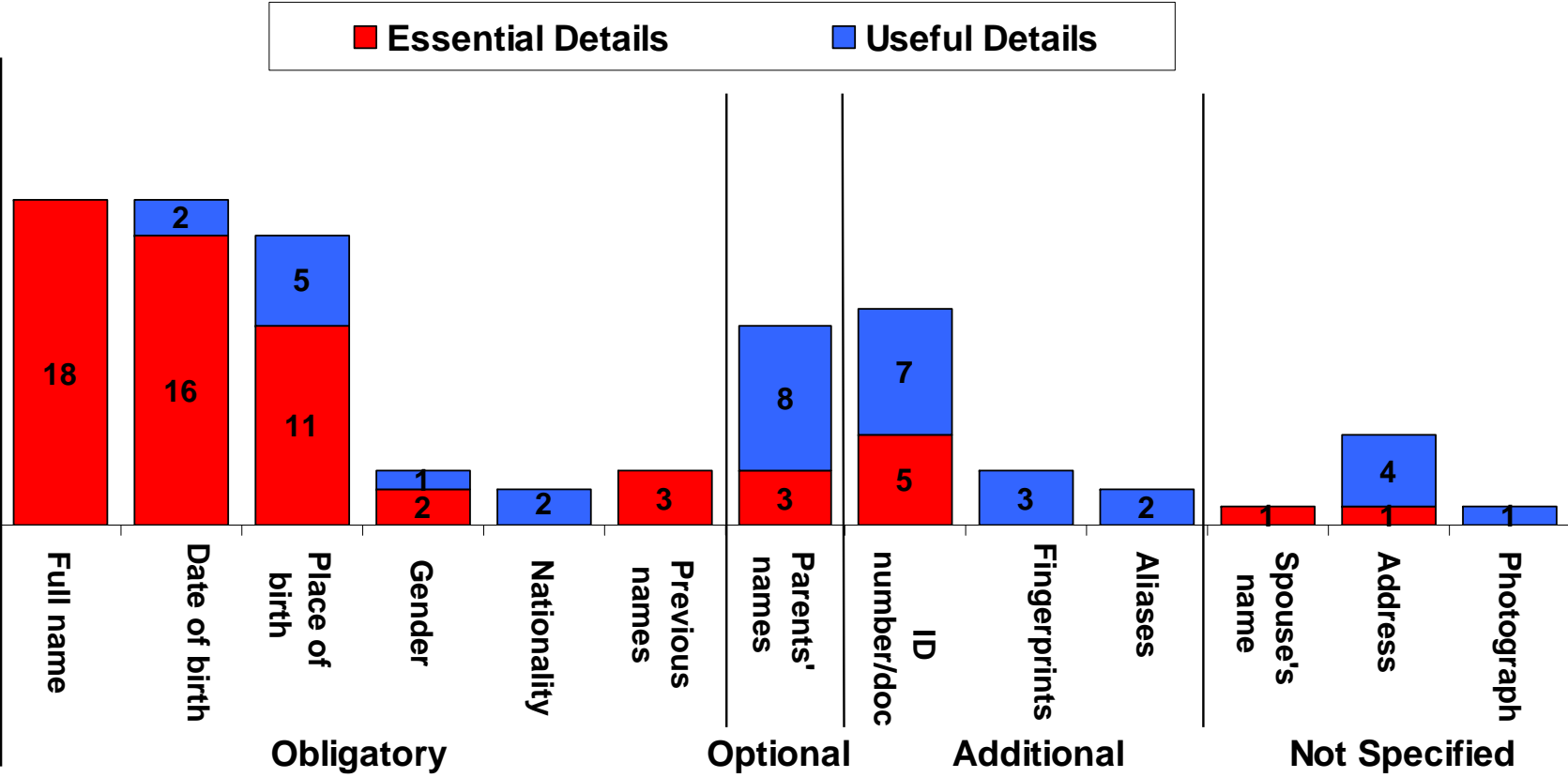
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Conclusions



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- Identification requirements for each member state to be collated and shared with all member states
- Training to be provided to criminal justice professionals as to what identification information is required by each member state to ensure it is collected
- A standard set of identification requirements across all member states would be beneficial

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Recommendations



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- The information required for verifying identity in each member state to be collated into a central, updatable document and each member state to consider providing training to the relevant criminal justice professionals to ensure the required information is captured.
- The European Commission to work with member states to develop a standard set of acceptable identification information.

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Any questions?



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