



EU-CELAC second seminar on Citizen Security

Implementation of Chapter 10 of the EU-CELAC Action Plan

Panama City, Panama, 16-17 January 2018

The Brussels Declaration "Shaping our common future: working together for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for our citizens" adopted during the EU-CELAC Summit in June 2015 affirmed the intention of the EU and the Latin America region to "continue implementing, as appropriate, concrete actions, aimed at strengthening, inter alia, law enforcement cooperation, mutual legal assistance, trans-border intelligence sharing, in order to dismantle criminal organizations, all within the full respect for human rights and international law".

As discussed on the occasion of the first seminar held in The Hague on 27-28 September 2017 and in line with the provisions of the Action Plan, this seminar will contribute further to address the multidimensional issue of Citizen Security with a specific focus on the fight against transnational organised crime.

Draft programme

Venue: Radisson Decapolis Hotel

Avenida Balboa, Panama City, Panama

Day 1 – 16 January 2018

09:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 - 10:00 Opening remarks by EU and CELAC

CELAC Chapter Coordinator

CELAC PTP

European Union (European External Action Service)

European Union (European Commission, DG DEVCO)

10:00 -10:15 Presentation of conclusion of the first seminar

10:15 - 13:30 SESSION I: Toward an structured bi-regional dialogue on Citizen Security
Moderator: CELAC and EU Rapporteur: CELAC and EU

CELAC-UE Dialogue: Develop a common understanding of the citizen security threats, their root causes and consequences and the national and regional priorities to tackle them through political and expert level dialogues.

- Define a common bi-regional understanding of the main challenges
- Main lines of an agreed bi-regional work-programme
- Develop regular dialogue and consultations between EU and CELAC countries.

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

Continuation of the Session I

Open discussion with questions & answers and interventions of EU and CELAC member states and organisations.

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 18: 30 SESSION II: Promote concrete actions aimed at strengthening:

- Law enforcement cooperation
 - Joint Investigations Teams
- Mutual Legal Assistance
 - Asset Recovery
- Trans-border intelligence sharing
 - Maritime Security
 - Exchange of Information
- Development of structures responsible for the collection and analysis of data
- Exchange of experiences and know-how on threat assessments in order to strengthen the capabilities to prevent and fight transnational organised crime

16:30-16:45 Coffee break

Open discussion with questions & answers and interventions of EU and CELAC member states and organisations.

20:00 Cocktail reception

Day 2 – 17 January 2018

09:00 - 12:00 SESSION III: Bi-regional Cooperation

Moderator: EU Rapporteur: EU

Presentation of the state of implementation and work programme of the regional programme “EL PAcCTO”,

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Presentation of a case from South-America

Presentation of a case from Central-America and Mexico

Presentation of a case from the Caribbean

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Presentation of the state of implementation and work programme of the bi-regional programme “Cocaine Route Programme/SEACOP” and sub-regional programme for Central America “ICRIME”

12:00 – 12:40 Wrap-up session and discussion of topics for the next workshop

12:40 – 13:00 Closing remarks by EU and CELAC

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13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:30 Visit to Panama facilities related to citizen security