

**TRIO PRESIDENCY OF SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA AND AUSTRIA
18-MONTH WORK PROGRAMME**

1 January 2014– 30 June 2015

Based on the Salzburg Forum Vision 2020 the Salzburg Forum continues to strategically plan its action by way of an 18-month work programme. In the forthcoming period the Salzburg Forum remains an informal regional security partnership operating on three levels: EU level, regional level and the level of cooperation with third countries.

At the EU level it will be our goal to identify and enforce our shared interests by using the established coordination mechanism and ways of cooperation - meetings in margins of EU working groups or JAI Council sessions, joint position papers and letters.

On the regional level the Salzburg Forum will focus on specific areas of police cooperation (witness protection, mass events, road-traffic safety etc) and disaster management, the main form of cooperation being expert meetings and workshops.

Regarding its external dimension the Salzburg Forum will continue to concentrate on – from the security point of view - most relevant neighbourhood, i.e. our Friends of the Salzburg Forum from the Western Balkans and Eastern neighbours.

The leading role in the implementation of the majority of objectives will be carried out by Slovakia, Slovenia and Austria, which take up the Trio Presidency of the Salzburg Forum as of 1 January 2014.

1. COOPERATION AT EU LEVEL

The following are identified as those strategic issues expected to be on the EU agenda in the next 18 months where cooperation within the Salzburg Forum should be enhanced and possible shared interests could be explored. This is a living document which can be amended and updated according to future needs and developments.

Action	Objectives	Activities	Lead nation(s)	Time-frame
1. Preparation of the future development in the area of home affairs (Post-Stockholm Programme/guidelines)	Channelling the interests of the SF states into the new programme/guidelines	Elaboration of joint position papers at the level of COSI, SCIFA, CATS	Slovakia (SCIFA) Slovenia (CATS) Austria (COSI)	January – June 2014
2. Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Schengen area	Strong and continuous support of the Salzburg Forum states to Bulgaria and Romania	Exploring ways of assistance to Romania and Bulgaria	Slovakia Poland	ongoing
3. Implementation and further development of the EU Internal Security Strategy	Effective implementation and further development of the EU Internal Security Strategy, strengthening the role of COSI	Preparation of a discussion paper on the further development of the Internal Security Strategy	Austria	ongoing
4. Common European Asylum System	Swift, full and coordinated implementation of the Common European Asylum System	Further steps towards advanced practical cooperation with the support of the European Asylum Support Office	Romania	ongoing
5. Identifying EUROPOL / EnviCrimeNet and EUROJUST / Working Group Environmental Crime Prosecutors as supporting tool for tackling environmental crime	Increasing effective enforcement of EU environmental legislation and national penal law through suitable national enforcement structures	Further steps towards advanced practical cooperation with the support of EUROPOL / EnviCrimeNet and EUROJUST / Working Group Environmental Crime Prosecutors	Austria (member of EnviCrimeNet steering group)	

6. EU Fundamental Rights	Promoting the understanding and respect of EU fundamental rights	Drawing up a manual of EU fundamental rights and values	Austria	
7. Integrity and ethics in authorities competent for the provision of public security	Promoting the need for a uniform framework of ensuring integrity and ethics in law enforcement authorities		Slovenia	

2. REGIONAL PRACTICAL COOPERATION

Action	Objective(s)	Activities	Lead nation(s)	Time-frame
1. Witness protection	<p>Enhance the cooperation along the agreement</p> <p>Facilitate the secure communication and information exchange between the Salzburg Forum States</p>	<p>Implementation of the agreement</p> <p>Meeting of the SF working group – exchange of experience</p> <p>Creation of a sub-platform in the framework of the existing Europol Platform for SF Experts</p>	Slovakia Slovenia	2014
2. Vehicle crime	Improving the regional cooperation	<p>Establishment of the SF working group – common determination of priorities</p> <p>Joint training measures in the field of vehicle identification</p> <p>Regular border focus missions</p>	Slovakia Austria	2014-2015
3. Cross-border transport of waste in relation to environmental crime	Improving regional cooperation at the operative level	Working meetings on transnational environmental crime and cross-border waste shipments including all relevant stakeholders, including customs	Slovenia Austria	2014-2015
4. CBE - Facilitating cross-border enforcement of road-safety related traffic offences	Implementation of the SF CBE agreement	<p>Signature of the SF CBE agreement by more states</p> <p>Negotiation and conclusion the implementing agreement (ATIA) to the above-mentioned agreement</p> <p>Practical implementation (EUCARIS)</p>	Hungary Austria	ongoing



5. Police cooperation during mass events	Improving the cooperation among the law enforcement authorities	Expert meeting – exchange of good practices regarding measures eliminating spectator violence during international mass sport events ensuring the persistent use and implementation of the EU-handbook	Slovakia	1st half 2014
6. Implementation of PA 11 – Security of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)	Active involvement of the SF states in the implementation of the objectives set forth in PA 11 of EUSDR	Coordination of joint activities Drafting and implementation of joint projects Implementation of the DARIF project	Bulgaria Romania	ongoing
7. Fight against free movement abuse in EU	Intensifying cooperation against the free movement abuse in EU	Exchange of information, statistics and practical experience on all forms of free movement abuse	Slovakia	

3. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

Action	Objective(s)	Activities	Lead nation(s)	Time-frame
1. Cooperation with the countries of the Western Balkan				
1.1. Cyber Security	Intensifying cooperation in the area of cyber security including cybercrime and protection of critical information infrastructure	Exchange of information, strategic approaches, and practical experience	Austria	ongoing
1.2. Fight against illegal migration	Establishing alliances	Promote active cooperation with the countries of origin and transit Implementation of fast and efficient measures that provide sufficient capacity to competent institutions in each state to properly manage immigration movement	Austria Hungary Slovenia	ongoing
1.3. EU Fundamental Rights	Promoting the understanding and respect of EU fundamental rights in the Western Balkans		Austria	
1.4. Improving Police Cooperation in Southeast Europe	Increasing the police cooperation in the field of trans-border crime		Austria Slovenia	ongoing
1.5. Support to Montenegro and Serbia with a view to the EU accession negotiations where chapters 23 and 24 are of significant importance	Bringing Montenegro and Serbia closer to the EU standards on the judiciary and fundamental rights and justice, freedom and security			ongoing
1.6. Improving Police Cooperation in Southeast Europe in the field of environmental	Awareness raising and supporting capacity building in tackling environmental crime, especially illegal disposal	Promotion, working groups, information exchange	Austria	



crime	of waste			
2. Cooperation with the Eastern neighbours				
2.1. Implementation of the Action Plan of the Prague Process	Strengthening the implementation of the Eastern dimension of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility	Implementation of EC Targeted Initiative on Support of Prague Process Action Plan implementation and its four flagship initiatives	CZ, PL, HU, RO, SK and other partner states	ongoing
2.2. Implementation of the Istanbul Declaration of the Budapest Process	Strengthening the implementation of the Eastern dimension of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility	Implementation of the Silk Routes Partnership on Migration and the project „Support to the Silk Routes Partnership on Migration under the Budapest Process”	Hungary	ongoing
2.3. Supporting the Republic of Moldova in home affairs	Bringing the Republic of Moldova closer to EU standards in justice and home affairs		Slovakia Poland Romania	
3. Countries of Central Asia (and Afghanistan)				
Improving the border management in Countries of Central Asia (and Afghanistan)	Strengthening border security in the Central Asian Region as a measure to combat drug-related crimes and illegal migration	Exchange of information		