

Presentation of Actions to the Operational Committee

Title	Support to the strengthening of police information systems in the broader West Africa region (WAPIS)
Budget	EUR 5 000 000
Implementing partners	INTERPOL
Strategic fit (contribution to EUTF strategic lines of action and to the priority domains of the Valletta Action Plan)	<p>The project contributes to:</p> <p>EU Trust Fund's Objective (4) Improved governance and conflict prevention and reduction of forced displacement and irregular migration.</p> <p>The project is also aligned with the Valletta Action Plan priority domain (1) Development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement, and (4) Prevention of and fight against irregular migration, migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings.</p>
Geographical coverage and beneficiaries	The geographical coverage of the action will be on selected countries in West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger) and Chad.
Brief summary of the action	<p>The overall objective of this Action is to contribute to the modernisation; harmonisation and re-structuring of police information management in the broader West Africa region as an integral part of the overall efforts to reform the local security sector and improve local governance in line with international human rights standard and norms.</p> <p>The purpose (specific objective) of this Action is to contribute to improving national law enforcement capacities in the concerned region by providing law enforcement actors with appropriate tools to better manage police information (i.e. collect, centralise, manage and share police data) and therefore increase their daily effectiveness also in handling transnational crime and terrorism-related cases.</p>
Expected results	<p>The expected results of the Action are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result 1: The WAPIS System in the four original pilot countries (Benin, Ghana, Mali, and Niger) is fully operationalised. • Result 2: Favourable conditions and an enabling environment for the collection, centralisation, management and sharing of police data by national law enforcement authorities via the WAPIS System or a WAPIS-like system (when relevant) have been created in selected ECOWAS/G5 Sahel countries. • Result 3: Favourable conditions and an enabling environment for the full roll-out of the WAPIS System and for the setting up of its future regional data sharing platform are created among ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania. • Result 4: Possible modalities of cooperation with the G5 Sahel and its relevant structures, including the Sahel Information Platform and the Collège Sahélien de Sécurité, are explored, with a view to establishing a possible partnership and create favourable conditions and an enabling

	environment for the management and sharing of police data by local law enforcement capacities.
Indicative timing for contracting of activities	The period of implementation will be 24 months.