Police cooperation in the Union: common operational activities, information, training and exchanges of officials

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The Parliament adopted the draft action with some amendments. The rapporteur was Sir Jack Stewart-Clark (EPP, UK). The amendments cover, among other things: - the establishment of an effective information exchange and setting up an Early Warning System of criminal activities; - the conducting of investigations of routes used for illegal activities and the transport of illegal goods; - the establishment of mixed inspection operations at the external borders, including harbours and airports; - exchanges of customs and other competent law enforcement teams for joint investigations against criminal organisations active in several or all Member States; - the harmonisation of technical communications systems between Member States' police, customs and other competent law enforcement authorities. The amendments also seek a greater role for Europol in discussions, planning and the implementation of measures.