Basic information

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Police cooperation: action against international crime (drugs, traffick in persons, illegal migration) **Subject** 7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.30.02 Action to combat violence, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Key events

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17/12/1998	Legislative proposal published	14060/1998	Summary
08/02/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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15/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0110/1999	
23/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

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1999/0907(CNS) - 27/05/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE : to combat international crime with fuller cover of the routes used. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Resolution relating to combating international crime with the fuller cover of the routes used. CONTENT : in view of continuing to improve the practical cooperation between police services in the Member States, the current Council Resolution adopted by the implementation of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union, aims to provide a series of measures aiming to coordinate the police operations in order to combat against international crime with fuller cover of the routes used, for example, certain overland, waterway or air routes. In line with national legal provisions and jurisdiction, the Member States may carry out coordinated route policing projects, where appropriate with the support of Europol, in order to copmbat a specific form of crime on the basis of a coordinated policy. The customs and other competent authorities will be involved in appropriate cases. They will deploy forces, methods and equipment appropriate to the situation as they did long ago in similar situations and may extend to the whole territory of the Union or to certain groups. The purpose of such deployment on specific routes will be to ensure that the police achieve optimum results in the prevention and detection of offences, to improve coordination of joint police action and communication and to obtain additional intelligence on criminal behaviour and methods of committing crimes. Member States participating in the route-policing project may, with the support of Europol, undertake joint evaluation and will, in the case of regional measures, also inform the other Member States of the results. In this process, their main endeavour will be to develop measures designed to further improve route strategies. In so doing, they will in particular evaluate what new forms of prevention and detection of cross-border crime may be developed, taking account of freedom of movement within the European Union. There are also provisions regarding the protection of personal data.

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1999/0907(CNS) - 23/03/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The Parliament approved the draft joint action on combating international crime subject to some amendments. The Rapporteur was Sir Jack Stewart-Clark (EPP, UK). Article 2 of the draft is strengthened to ensure maximum effective results in the form of tracking down criminals and their organisations, the subsequent bringing of them to justice and to coordinate joint law enforcement action. The provision of personal data shall be governed by national law, by the 1981 Council of Europe Convention on the protection of data, and by international conventions.

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1999/0907(CNS) - 17/12/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to combat the spread of international crime along transport routes. CONTENT: in order to continue to improve operational cooperation between the police forces of the Member States, this draft joint action, based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, proposes a series of measures aimed at organising joint operations to combat the spread of international crime along transport routes (e.g. by road, rail or air). This concerns operations in several (or all) Member States at once, involving a heavy deployment of police forces which concentrate their intervention on a form of crime linked to a transport route and proceed by means of heavy surveillance and research, targeting the route in question. The aim of these concerted operations is to achieve maximum police success, mainly through questioning, to iron out the coordination of joint police interventions and the functioning of communications and to gather new information on criminal behaviour and operations. EUROPOL will be directly involved in the implementation of actions resulting from the draft joint action. Once the pilot phase of this project has been concluded, an assessment of the experience gained will be conducted with a view to improving the strategy for transport routes. The Member States, in cooperation with EUROPOL, will in particular study the conclusions to be drawn from the elimination of the Union?s internal borders (and the subsequent elimination of checks on people at those borders) in light of the fact that the police authorities no longer have the same means as before of intervening at one of the main strategic lines of defence against international crime.