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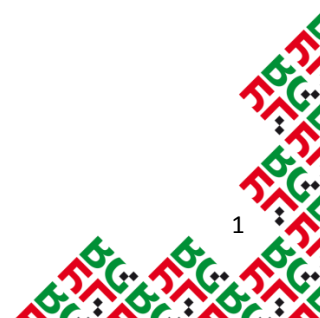
Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

It is with pleasure that we invite you to the **Second Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG), which will take place on 18 and 19 March 2018 in Sofia, Bulgaria**. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Mr. Claude Moraes and the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Security and Public Order in the 44th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov.

During this second meeting, the JPSG will continue to fulfill its functions in respect to the political oversight on Europol by holding discussions with representatives of the management of Europol and the European Data Protection Supervisor. Among the thematic highlights of the agenda will be the cooperation with the Western Balkan countries, cybersecurity, and the fight against terrorism and organized crime. Pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of the Europol Regulation, a first exchange of views on the future 2020-2022 Europol Multi-annual Work Programme will also take place.

Furthermore, the meeting will provide the opportunity to continue the work on the Rules of Procedure for the JPSG. Your Parliament/Chamber will receive a new proposal for the JPSG Rules of Procedure in mid-February, which will be open to written amendments by the respective delegations. The draft text will be prepared by the current Co-Chairs of the JPSG and will take into consideration the discussions held during the constituent meeting of the JPSG in October 2017.

We would like to kindly remind you that your Parliament/Chamber can be represented by up to four members in the JPSG (in the case of bicameral Parliaments, each Chamber can send up to two members). Members and their delegations are required to register following the procedure described in the enclosed General Information. Please, also note that the accreditation system for the registration will ask you to indicate a head of your delegation at the time of registration.





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The deadline for registering your delegation through the accreditation system is 2 March 2018.

We look forward to welcoming your delegation in Sofia. Please find attached the draft agenda of the meeting, as well as the general information document.

Yours Sincerely,

Tsvetan Tsvetanov
Head of the Bulgarian Delegation to
the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group

Claude Moraes
Chairman of the Committee on Civil
Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,
European Parliament

Annex 1: Draft agenda of the Second Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

Annex 2: General Information for the Second Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol