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Not all lessons learnt

EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer calls for greater role of Europol in the Fight Against Terrorism

On the occasion of the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer urges the EU to enable Europol to become the central actor in the fight against terrorism on the European level.

The most efficient way to counter terrorism is to invest into solid police work that can rely on extensive intelligence. Europol is in a key position to support police services in the EU Member States with overarching analysis and coordination of investigations of cross border cases, says Mr Kiefer. He also calls upon the EU Council to finally clarify the relationship between Europol, the Council's Security Committee and the Terrorism Coordinator De Vries.

In addition, Mr Kiefer urges EU Member States to speed up their implementation of Council decisions. Instead of the envisaged 12 months following the adoption of the EU Framework Directive to Fight Terrorism in 2001, it took more than 4 years for all Member States to implement it into national law by harmonising criminal code provisions on terrorist crimes – a key requirement to assure that terrorist activities are criminalised in the same way across the EU.

'Each time something happens, new measures are mounted in a rush,' says Mr Kiefer. 'Decisions that are not implemented are of no value at all.'

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