CARPOL NETWORK FOR TACKLING CROSS-BORDER VEHICLE CRIME MEET AT EUROPOL

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Press Release

On 16 and 17 June 2016 CARPOL's plenary meeting took place at Europol in The Hague, held under the auspices of the current Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU.

CARPOL is the network of EU law enforcement contact points for tackling cross-border vehicle crime, established based on the Council Decision 919/2004 of 17 December 2004.

CARPOL is focuses mainly on policy issues, as operational matters are already led by Europol.

The topics on CARPOL's agenda are not just focused on law enforcement policy, but also policy questions which have to be answered by other parties in the broader EU framework around vehicle crime. Hence CARPOL have taken the initiative to establish a platform for public-private partnership on an EU level. In the meantime eight EU stakeholders have already discovered common issues they are faced with such as mileage fraud and the approach for tackling the malicious trade in spare parts and car components.

Just before the CARPOL meeting there was an open seminar related to the 'car of the future' and public-private partnerships. The red line was the rapid development from classic car crime to sophisticated cybercrime. The potential applications from the car of the future to 'crime control' and the sliding panels in public private partnership show different speeds and tracks for tackling vehicle crime and financial investigations.

CARPOL contributed its first analysis, based on data collected by all the EU Member States, as input for Europol's 2018-2020 SOCTA. The new Europol Regulation will offer CARPOL a promising perspective for a further 'chain approach' and synergy in public-private partnerships.