

LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HNAA AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE BVT OF AUSTRIA,

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE VSSE OF BELGIUM,

THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOA OF CROATIA,

THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION DIRECTORATE OF CYPRUS,

**THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UZSI, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BIS AND THE
DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC,**

**THE HEAD OF SECURITY AND CYBER DEPARTMENT
OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF DENMARK,**

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF ESTONIA,

THE DIRECTOR OF THE SUPO OF FINLAND,

**THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR INTELLIGENCE
AND COUNTER TERRORISM OF FRANCE,**

THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF GERMANY,

THE STATE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OF HUNGARY,

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIS OF ITALY,

**THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY
SERVICE OF LATVIA,**

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE VSD OF LITHUANIA,

THE HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE MSS OF MALTA,

**THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY
OF GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE NETHERLANDS,**

**THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY
OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SECURITY NORWAY,**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SIRP OF PORTUGAL,

**THE RECTOR OF THE "MIHAI VITEAZUL" NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY
OF ROMANIA,**

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SOVA OF SLOVENIA,

THE DIRECTOR OF THE CNI OF SPAIN,

**THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION
OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF SWEDEN,**

AND

**THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM**

**CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE INTELLIGENCE COLLEGE IN EUROPE**

Although national security is a matter of national competence (as stated in Article 4.2, Treaty of the European Union), close cooperation between European national intelligence communities is a widely shared objective in order to address common contemporary security challenges. A number of fora exist which ensure that intelligence sharing takes place at an operational level and facilitate strategic dialogue between intelligence services. Nevertheless, there is scope to further enhance this strategic dialogue between intelligence communities, academics and decision makers in Europe.

During a speech at the Sorbonne on 26 September 2017, the President of the French Republic called for an « Intelligence Academy in Europe » to be established in order to promote the emergence of a common strategic culture and to strengthen the ties between the intelligence communities of our Countries through training and exchange.

From this time a number of Countries, which had an Intelligence Coordination structure at their disposal, gathered together periodically, through designated national Points of Contact (PoCs), in order to shape the project. This group of Countries was later expanded to include all remaining European Union (EU) Countries, Switzerland and Norway.

The project was founded as the Intelligence College in Europe (hereafter “the College”) at the inaugural event which was held in Paris on the 4th and 5th of March 2019. This inaugural session demonstrated that participating Countries recognized the need to enhance the relationship between our intelligence communities, create a shared intelligence culture and foster mutual understanding.

Vision

The college is a unique forum where all members of national intelligence communities can get together. It promotes and facilitates strategic dialogue between intelligence communities from participating European Countries, academics, national and European decision-makers to enhance strategic thinking and mutual knowledge on topics of common interest. This process is based on a spirit of openness, common values, voluntariness and collegiality and enhances trust within and between these communities.

The signatories of this Letter of Intent (hereafter ‘Letter’) represent like-minded Countries across Europe: some are members of the EU and some are not. The College is

not an advocacy organisation and does not represent any intelligence community. It is not an operational platform, an intelligence-sharing forum, a training centre, or a university. Such structures exist and work effectively. Products, publications or outputs in any form from College activities will not carry prescriptive value nor do they represent the views or policies of member Countries.

Mission

The Intelligence College in Europe is a platform for reflection, engagement and outreach. It fosters mutual understanding through strategic dialogue between:

- Intelligence communities in participating Countries;
- European intelligence communities and Academia;
- European intelligence communities, national and EU decision-makers.

Mandate

The College is a collective effort of the Intelligence Communities – meaning any Services and, depending on the Country, policymakers involved in the Intelligence cycle - operating in the European Countries here represented. It generates professional and academic views on a wide range of intelligence-related topics and disseminates those in order to contribute to the development of a strategic intelligence culture in Europe. The College has no legal personality or physical premises.

Principles of cooperation

The College is a common endeavour governed by voluntarism and collegiality whose success is dependent on the active input and cooperation of participating Countries. Its objectives, structures, activities and function processes and its historical progression are described in the Annexes.

Its activities will be embodied by the Steering Committee decisions and the guidance provided by its governance bodies.

The College is comprised of the Members (who by signing this Letter oversee its development, design and organize its activities) and Partners (who might participate in activities).

The working languages of the College are English and French.

Signatories

On 1 March 2020, this Letter becomes operative and signatories agree to work in this spirit. For Members joining after this date, the Letter becomes operative on the date of its signature. This Letter of Intent is not legally binding, nor does it generate obligations under International Law.

Signed in Zagreb on February 26th, 2020



Für die Republik Österreich



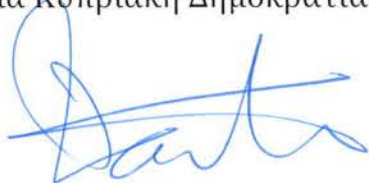
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Pour le Royaume de Belgique
Für das Königreich Belgien



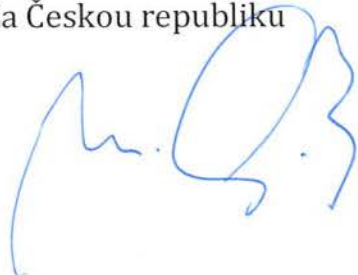
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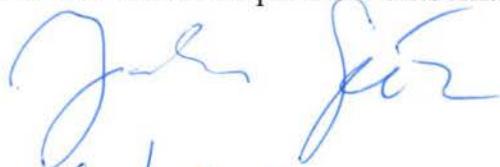
Finland



Pour la République française



Für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland



Magyarország részéről



Per la Repubblica Italiana



Latvijas Republikas vārdā

Edmunds Freytag

Lietuvos Respublikos vardu

Kęstutis Budrys

Untuk Republik Malta
For the Republic of Malta



Voor het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden

M. G. Rey

Norway



Pela República Portuguesa

António Guterres

Pentru România



Za Republiko Slovenijo



Por el Reino de España



Sweden



For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

