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The Policing of environmental protest

The UK's Staffordshire Police have been granted funding by the European Commission under the OISIN Funding Programme. This research will focus on environmental protesting from a European perspective.

It is intended that the research will culminate in a two-day seminar to be held at the Police Staff College, Bramshill, Hampshire, England, at the beginning of February 2000.

The aim of the research is to establish a system in which all European Union member countries can share intelligence and good practice when policing problems surrounding environmental protesting.

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The objectives of the questionnaire are as follows:

- To identify common ground between EU member countries;
- To identify common requirements of EU member countries;
- To identify areas for positive development;
- To identify the requirements of a system in which information can be passed on intelligence and good practice regarding European environmental protest between EU member countries.

In order to establish a base from which any research and discussion can take place it will be necessary to canvass across member countries how environmental protest is perceived and ultimately policed.

We will be most grateful if you could identify someone within your organisation who would be in a position to answer the attached questionnaire and possibly attend the proposed seminar in due course. It would be helpful if responses could be provided in English.

Thank you for assisting us in this research. We would be grateful if the completed questionnaire could be returned to (names & fax number deleted).

Should you wish to contact us at any time in relation to this research we can be contacted on the numbers listed on p. 4.

Environmental protest

1. What do you consider to be environmental protesting ?
2. Do you consider it a policing issue ? YES / NO
3. Do you have experience of dealing with environmental protest during the last five years ?
YES / NO
 - What numbers of protesters were involved in the protest ?
 - What tactics did the protesters employ against the authorities ?
 - Over what period of time did the protest last ?
 - What were the nationalities of the protesters involved ?
4. What tactics did the protesters employ against the authorities ?
 - What strategy and tactics did you, the police, employ against the protesters ?
5. What role did intelligence play in the policing operation ?
6. Was it necessary to communicate with other police forces within your country ? YES / NO
7. Was it necessary to communicate with other police forces within the European Union ?
YES / NO
 - If the answer to question 7 is YES, how was this done ?
 - What was the reason for your communication ?
 - With whom did you communicate ?
 - Was it beneficial and timely ?
8. Were you able to benefit by shared information or knowledge from others with previous experience ? YES / NO
 - Please list what you consider to have been the benefits.
 - How were you able to use the material received ?

9. If the answer to questions 6 and 7 was NO, how would you expect to have been able to communicate and what channels would you have used ?
10. What would be your requirements or expectations of a system that would enable you to share intelligence and information regarding environmental protest between EU member countries ?

Details of the person who completed the questionnaire

Name

Address

Telephone and Fax number

Completed questionnaires should be returned to (names deleted) by 30 SEPTEMBER. The fax number is +(deleted).

Questions on the content of the questionnaire should be directed to

Direct Dial: (deleted); Switchboard: (deleted)

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The persons dealing with this correspondence are:

(names deleted)
