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From:	Presidency
To:	Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject:	State-of-the art solutions and novelties in the field of integrated border management

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In June 2024, the Schengen Council set its policy priorities for the 2024-2025 cycle, with particular focus on enhancing the resilience of external borders. This resilience is fundamental to ensuring seamless travel within a borderless area, while also playing a crucial role in preventing irregular migration, cross-border crime and hybrid threats.

Strengthening resilience is, therefore, key to maintaining the smooth operation of the Schengen area. Achieving this goal and taking into account the specific features of the different types of borders, it is of the utmost importance that Member States exchange views on state-of-the-art solutions in the field of integrated border management.

By systematically examining ongoing projects, initiatives and deploying state-of-the-art technology, we can identify innovative solutions that have the potential to enhance border security and streamline border management processes.

The Schengen Council called on the Commission to explore ways to support Member States at the affected external borders in developing state-of-the-art solutions, while fully respecting fundamental rights, to prevent and address hybrid threats.

At the meeting of the Frontiers Working Party held on 12 July 2024, the Hungarian Presidency initiated discussions within the Council on state-of-the-art solutions in the field of integrated border management. Member States agreed on the importance of innovation in this field. Therefore, the Hungarian Presidency is ready to provide an opportunity for concrete exchanges of experience with the support of the Commission and relevant agencies, bearing in mind the changing nature of the challenges at our borders.

Member States have given their prior support to the preparation of a compendium of the shared initiatives, including a brief review of the initiative and practical information (e.g. contact details).

The compendium would help establish innovative links between Member States and inspire them by sharing examples. The Hungarian Presidency aims to provide Member States with the opportunity to share initiatives (or even ideas in the pipeline) that are of particular importance to them (and which they consider relevant to the Member States). The template document for contributions forms the annex to this note.

This process is also part of the procedure to follow up the first priority of the current Schengen Council Cycle, which focuses on increasing the resilience of our external borders, while consolidating the digitalisation of procedures and systems.

### Questions for discussion

***In this context, the Presidency invites delegations to reflect upon the following questions:***

- 1. What specific challenges in border management have you identified that could be addressed through innovative solutions or are under consideration for such solutions?*
- 2. What innovative solutions in the field of border management that you consider to have added value at EU level are you ready to share with the Member States?*

Template document – contribution to the *Compendium of Member States’ state-of-the-art solutions and novelties in the field of integrated border management, 2024’*

<b>Member State/Schengen Associated Country</b> *please indicate the Member State/ <b>Schengen Associated Country</b> concerned			
<b>1. Title of activity/initiative</b>	<b>2. Short description of activity/initiative</b>	<b>3. Contacts/availabilities/public info</b>	<b>4. Remarks</b>
<i>*Please indicate the title of the activity/initiative (e.g. title of project)</i>	<i>*Please provide a short summary of the activity/initiative, maximum 250 words</i>	<i>*Please indicate the public availabilities and contacts (if available) of the shared initiative</i>	<i>*Please indicate any additional remarks/relevant info/etc. (if necessary)</i>
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**Please note:**

- Filling in the table is entirely voluntary; Member States (MS), Schengen Associated Countries should only complete the cells if they wish to contribute.
- If you would like to include illustrative photos in the compendium, please send them to the Presidency, along with the completed template.
- Based on the contributions, the Presidency (PRES) will draft a report, structured into sections for each Member State/ Schengen Associated Country, accompanied by an explanatory introduction outlining the context and results of the discussions held during the Frontiers Working Party under the Hungarian Presidency.
- The draft report will be presented at a future meeting of the Frontiers Working Party (possibly November 2024), where Member States/ Schengen Associated Countries will have the opportunity to provide feedback and, if necessary, submit additional written contributions. The report will be finalised at the end of this process.

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