



Malta-EU Steering & Action Committee

# JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS



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## Security Research and Innovation

**COM(2009)691 – Communication from the Commission "A European Security Research and Innovation Agenda - Commission's initial position on ESRIFF's key findings and recommendations"**

The ESRIFF, European Security Research and innovation Forum, which was set up in 2007, brings together representatives from industry, public and private end-users, research establishments and universities, as well as non-governmental organizations and EU bodies.

It was charged with developing a 'Security Research and Innovation Agenda' for the EU: a strategic roadmap for security research and innovation aimed at bringing greater coherence and efficiency to this area.

In November the ESRIFF adopted its key findings and recommendations wherein it proposed a European Security Research and Innovation Agenda (ESRIA). This Communication presents the Commission's initial reaction to ESRIFF's key findings and recommendations.

## Illicit drug trafficking

**COM(2009)669 – Report from the Commission on the implementation of Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking**

Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA sets out the minimum rules relating to the constituent elements of the offences of illicit trafficking in drugs and precursors, so as to allow a common approach at European Union level to the fight against such trafficking.

The Commission has assessed the harmonisation of the national measures implementing the Framework Decision on the basis of the replies it received from 21 Member States only since 6 Member States failed to comply with the obligation in Article 9(2) of the Framework Decision to



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transmit information to the Commission. Following its assessment, the Commission drew up the present report wherein it concludes that implementation of the Framework Decision has not been completely satisfactory. It claims that while the majority of Member States already had a number of the provisions in place, a number of Member States have also demonstrated that they have not always amended their existing legislation where the Framework Decision required it. There has thus been little progress in the alignment of national measures in the fight against drug trafficking.