Improving Data Quality of EU Criminals
(IDQEUC Project)

ERIC

European Request Information Capture

The IDQEUC Project

- Two year project - commenced in March 2014

- Funded by the European Commission and ACRO.

- The project's aim is to support ECRIS

- The project will be managed and delivered by ACRO in the UK.

- 3 Partner Countries working with ACRO; France, Spain and Romania.

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The ECRIS Process

- A national (Subject) from one EU Member State detained/convicted in another EU Member State.

- 'Request for' criminal conviction history is sent to the Subject's home Member State.

- Home Member State needs to confidently match the subjects identity to the person record.

- Conviction history released to requesting MS

The Issues

- The detail captured relating to a Subject is used by the receiving MS Central Authority (CA) to complete the relevant search of the criminal conviction history data bases.

- The quality of data being submitted via ECRIS between the Central Authorities is not always of a good standard.

- The home country (CA) needs to establish the subject's identity within the databases.

- Owing to the poor quality of information received, the CA has difficulty in establishing the identity. This maybe because the necessary information to do this, is missing.

- Therefore, the success rate for the exchange of criminal conviction history between the MS is not as high and consistent as it could be.

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Other Findings

- The ECRIS project created a universal list of key search criteria requirements for all Member States.

- Research and experience has shown us that each MS has additional unique requirements to successfully search and confirm identity on their data bases.

- The information captured at operational level by Police / Investigators / Prosecutors and the Courts needs to reflect these requirements.

The Solution?

- Ensure that the all the correct search information is obtained by the Police / Investigators / Prosecutors and Courts to send to offenders Home Member State's CA at the start of the judicial process.

- Educate and inform all the operational end users of the benefits this will bring to the ECRIS process if they capture the right information at the start.

How can this be done?

- A Reference Tool detailing all the necessary search and confirmation requirements.

- The Reference Tool should be available in different mediums

- An electronic tool that is easy to access for all MS Law Enforcement practitioners.

- An electronic tool that could be interactive and non-interactive

- The connection to the web site and data captured and sent via the App should be secure.

What is ERIC?

- 'ERIC' is a Web based product that ACRO are developing for on both desk top and mobile devices.

- An 'App' is being developed in Windows 8.1 for mobile device download.

- The Web & mobile App will have the flexibility to be populated and transmit, or just be a static information page.

- The Reference Tool information pages can be printed from the Web App.

Ask ERIC!

- The Reference Tool will list all the key criteria for each MS individually.

- These are the ECRIS mandatory requirements

- Plus other necessary information requirements unique to each MS

How ERIC can help ECRIS?

- The requirements will be listed in the language of the requestor and the language of the Subject

- It can demonstrate the required format of the captured data.

- It will have help fields to assist the requestor with specific information and guidance in capturing data.

- It will have a hyperlink to PRADO.

Example Screen

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Portugal

EU Standard Requirements

Forename :		: Nome próprio
Surname :		: Sobrenome
Gender :	[▼]	: Sexo
Birth Date :		: Data de Nascimento
Birth Place :		: Local de Nascimento
Nationality :		: Nacionalidade

Portuguese Specific Requirements

ID Number :		: Número de identificação
Parents names 1 :		: Pais nomes 1
Parents names 2 :		: Pais nomes 2

Non Portuguese National LIVING in Portugal

| Resident Permit Number : | | : Residente Número da licença |

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What do we need from you?

- A template of requirements sent to each MS

- Confirmation of the additional essential requirements your CA needs to carry out a successful search.

- Confirm the 'Useful' information requirements. These are those that would be nice to have but not essential to carry out a search or confirm identity.

- Translation of all relevant text in your country's language.

What do we need from you?

- Confirmation of the how your country records specific details e.g. a person's gender or sex. How is a sex change or transgender accounted for?

- What are the special rules for particular criteria e.g. a particular town, state or married female.

- How does your country record your nationals who are not born in your country.

- How does your country record Foreign nationals who are now legally resident in your country.

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- ERIC will be hosted and available via the ACRO web site.

- Access to the web site can be managed in a variety of ways, VPN, IP address etc.

- MS can choose a preferred access route.

- There will also be a static 'aid memoire' version via a simple login process.

And Finally….

- There will be opportunity for all MS to attach their own branding to the tool.

- The Project Team would like to work closely with each MS CA to create the tool

- We will require your assistance to identify the end users in each MS who would benefit from this tool, establish a contact and introduce the product to them.

Questions?

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