

# IDQEUC Newsletter

Improving Data Quality of EU Criminals

## Introduction

Welcome to the 2nd Edition of the IDQEUC Project newsletter. This newsletter provides an update on the work of the Improving Data Quality of EU Criminals Project. We have now held 2 partner country meetings, 3 Project Board Meetings, visited the Maltese and Italian Central Authority and commissioned the build of the reference tool.



## Rome

The IDQEUC project team took the opportunity to attend the final European Fingerprint Exchange Network conference in Rome back in September 2014. This was a great opportunity to promote the Project and the reference tool.

The Project Manager, Phil Boswell provided a presentation to all the attendees on the project and what we will be looking to achieve. It was great to meet some of our project contacts from the various Member States who have been assisting us with the data collection for the reference tool. Overall the conference was a great success.

## ERIC Conference

Plans are underway for our ERIC Project Conference to be held in London at the beginning of September 2015. We currently have funding for two delegates from each EU Member State to attend the conference. We do of course welcome additional delegates to the conference.

The conference will be an opportunity to show everyone the tool and discuss the benefits that it will bring to all EU Member States. We will have an interactive area to allow participants to try out the reference tool if they haven't already used it.

## ERIC

The reference tool has now been given a name... ERIC.

ERIC stands for European Request Information Capture. We wanted to give the tool a more memorable title to help us with marketing and to help towards a successful product that all EU countries will remember.

## Progress Update

We have now commissioned the build of the reference tool which is near completion. We will then undertake in-house testing and start to get our partner countries, France, Spain and Romania to continue with testing the tool in real time situations.

Any issues will be fed back to the developer to resolve before we make ERIC available to all EU Member States.

Once the tool is available for all Member states to use, we will be asking for comments and feedback regarding the tool and hope to come out and visit all member states to introduce ERIC and in some cases where the reference tool is already being used to see the results.

## Contact

For further information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Vicky Sampson, Heather Kerriemuir-Charlton or Phil Boswell at:

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## France Partner Country Meeting

We had our second Partner Country meeting which was held in Nantes, France. Elise Thevenin-Scott and the Ministry of Justice were excellent hosts. The meeting was very productive and a lot was taken back with the project team to do further research.

During the meeting it was suggested that each partner country could have 2 people attend the meetings. One from the criminal records side and another with IT knowledge. We have looked into the budget and made some amendments to fund an extra member and submitted this to the EU commission.

The minutes of the Partner Country meeting can be found on the IDQEUC Project CIRCABC interest group.



**From left to right: Elise Thevenin-Scott (France), Heather Kerriemuir-Charlton (UK), Liliana Pasare (Romania), Bogdan Catrina (Romania), Maria Dulce Nombre Yribarren Munoz (Spain), Philip Boswell (UK), Victoria Sampson (UK)**

## ECRIS Meeting in Brussels

On 12th November 2014 an ECRIS Practitioners Meeting was held in Brussels. Our technical lead on the project, Heather Kerriemuir-Charlton, attended and represented the project at the meeting.

Heather was invited to give a presentation to all the delegates which was a great opportunity, as many of the delegates were from the Member States Central Authorities.

The design development and content is hugely reliant on the input from all the Central Authorities, so being able to present to them directly about the project was beneficial.

The presentation was at the end of the afternoon which meant that some delegates had left and did not see the presentation; but USB Memory Sticks were left with other promotional items about the project where each of the delegates were sitting for the delegates to take with them.

## CIRCABC

CIRCABC is a web space used to host shared workspaces for the European Union's public administrations. The IDQEUC project publishes all of its documents and reports on its CIRCABC interest group.

If you would like to view this information you will need to register as a user on the CIRCABC website.

How to register for the IDQEUC project interest group on CIRCABC:

1. Search for CIRCABC using a web search engine or type the following link in to your browser: <https://circabc.europa.eu>
2. Click on the 'login' link on the far left under the main menu heading and choose the appropriate "where you are from?" icon
3. You will then be redirected to the ECAS login page. To register you will need to click on the 'not registered yet' link. Ensure the Domain is set to external, choose a username and fill in your personal details to sign up
4. An email will then be sent to you to complete the registration process
5. You will then be directed to the CIRCABC homepage
6. To gain access to the IDQEUC Project Group within CIRCABC, you will need to send an email to [eu.data.app@acro.pnn.police.uk](mailto:eu.data.app@acro.pnn.police.uk) with the following information:
  - Your CIRCABC user login
  - The name you are registered under
  - Your registered email address

Once the IDQEUC Project team has received your email, we will add you to the interest group and a notification email will be sent to you once you have been registered.



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