



ICAO

SECURITY & FACILITATION

NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND



# Use of electronic travel authorization data by border control officers

**Claudio Kavrecic**

*Head of Air Border Sector in Joint Operations Unit  
Operations Division*

Strengthening Aviation Security through Improved Traveller Identification



# Frontex

- European Union Agency. **New legal basis: Reg. (EU) 2016/1624**
- Frontex supports, coordinates and develops EU border security according to community law and Fundamental Rights
- Driven by a Management Board composed by Heads of Border Guard Services of member states and the European Commission
- The Agency implements the European Integrated Border Management as a **shared responsibility with member states** with a view to managing the crossing of the external borders efficiently



# 1. Frontex new tasks in the Reg. (EU) 2016/1624

- Carries out situation monitoring, predictive risk analysis and vulnerability assessment
- Contributes to European Union intelligence by gathering and sharing data on persons suspected of involvement in criminal activities at the border
- Manages a rapid reaction pool of 1,500 officers (standing corps) and a rapid reaction equipment pool
- Manages a pool of monitors, escort and return specialists
- Can launch operations on the territory of third countries neighbouring the EU, with their consent



## 2. Frontex new tasks in the Reg. (EU) 2016/1624

- Coast guard functions, supporting cooperation of various law enforcement authorities and EU agencies in multipurpose operations at the EU external borders
- Identify key border security technologies, drawing up and implementing the EU framework programmes on research and innovation in border security
- Organises training in integrated border management, coast guard function and in return activities
- Handles written complaints submitted by any person who considers his or her fundamental rights violated by the actions of Agency's staff



# Frontex operations: the core business

- Operations cycle: risk analysis and vulnerability assessment, consultations with stakeholders, operational measures, evaluation
- Operational activities = *organisation of persons and equipment*. Border guards are deployed in return operations, airports, sea and land borders of member states other than their own, common operational plan:
  - wearing their uniform and exercising powers according to the EU law
  - consulting European databases and, when permitted, the national ones **(NEW)**
  - carrying out surveillance, multipurpose actions **(NEW)**



# The electronic systems at borders

- Complement and support the work of border guards
- Change the way to carry out border checks
- Organise data into information that improves knowledge

## Contributing to:

- Improved security
- Facilitated global mobility of bona fide travellers



# Electronic travel authorization does not

- Provide an automatic authorization to enter
- Recognise individual conditions (e.g.: vulnerable persons, health conditions)
- Match data not aligned with database records (e.g.: due to mistakes in previous introduction of data, special characters, alias, legal name change)
- Recognise all false or wrong information
- Verify the means of subsistence, insurance and credibility of travelers
- Detect felons who's name is not recorded in databases



# However, electronic travel authorization supports

- Information to/facilitation of passengers before buying the first travel ticket.

## For law enforcement:

- Initial pre-screening of foreign citizens no subject to visa regime
- Matching with API, PNR, document inspection systems, security information and declarations of the passengers at arrival (...at first travel only)
- Analysis of the forms submitted (...depending on the content)
- Interception of wanted persons at arrival destinations (...at first arrival only)

## API and PNR are more useful for law enforcement purposes

NOTE: this slide refers generically to operational opportunities offered to law enforcement by existing electronic travel authorization systems used by different countries. No reference is made to any European policy or discussion on the matter.





| ICAO

SECURITY & FACILITATION

NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND



**Claudio Kavrecic**  
[claudio.kavrecic@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:claudio.kavrecic@frontex.europa.eu)