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**Centre of Excellence for Combatting Document Fraud** 













#### Centre of Excellence for Combatting Document Fraud (CED)

Emphasizing expertise in identity and travel document frauds, the Centre pursues operational excellence for the Benefit of **Border Guards and** other Law Enforcement **Bodies.** 



To maximize MSs' and 3<sup>rd</sup> countries operational capabilities in **Document** and Identity Control, including the fight against the related cross-border crimes, providing permanent **Operational Support** and Value Creation in Field Operations.



from document specialists/experts to other officers to ensure appropriate document and identity check at all levels.



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### 'COMPLEXITY to SIMPLICITY'

CED enables a Systematic and Structured transfer of Knowledge and Know-how



#### **Strategic Cooperation with Partners**

'Value comes from collaboration and integration'



#### Strategic Cooperation with INTERPOL

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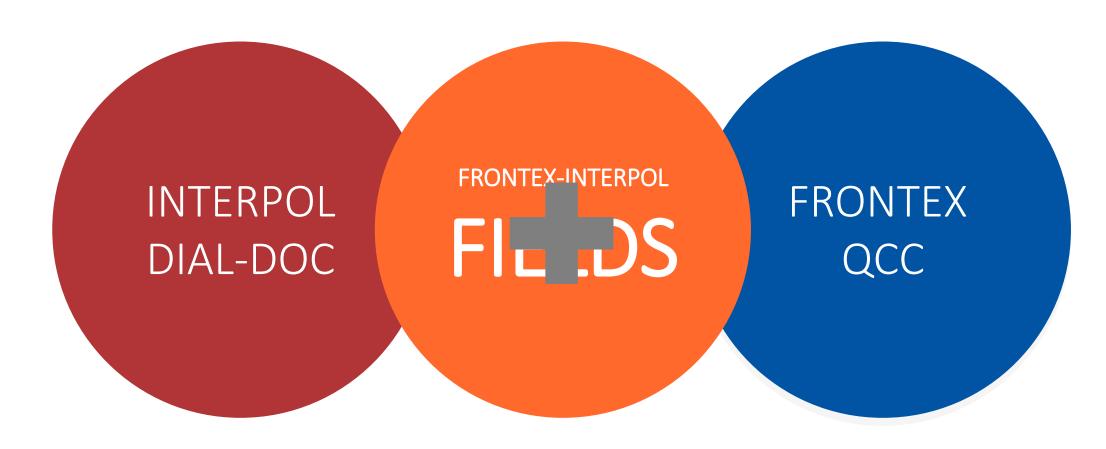
knowledge from document collaboration and integration' specialists/experts to their common end

user - <u>frontline officers</u>'





### Value comes from collaboration and integration ...





#### Digital INTERPOL Alert Library – Document (DIAL-DOC)

- An INTERPOL database that contained:
  - Approximately 3.000 records (e.g. Alerts, Bulletins)
  - Around 100 countries consulted the platform on a regular basis
  - 25 countries contributed data

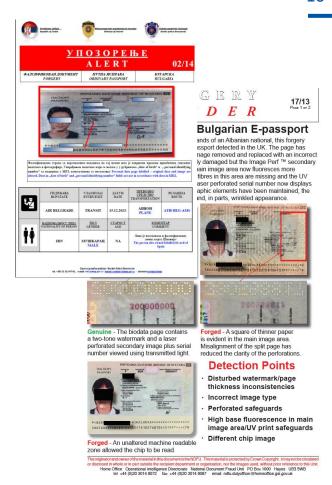




#### The challenge ...







15 Alerts refer to the same Bulgarian Passport ONLY in Dial-Doc

#### Frontex Quick Check Card (QCC)

- A decision aid tailored to front-line capabilities and conditions:
  - Based on recent forgeries trends, modus operandi, vulnerability assessment of the document and the quantified judgement of document experts
  - Using the authentic images of selected security features

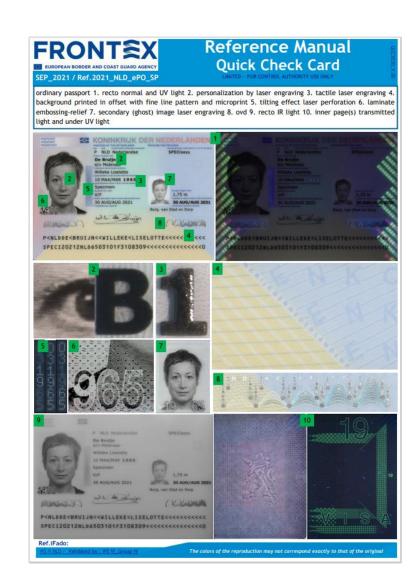




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- A decision aid tailored to front-line capabilities and conditions:
  - Little time to decide
  - Limited access to (specialised) equipment
  - Limited specialist-level competence
  - **Operational and training value**

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## FIELDS at the frontline

FRONTEX - INTERPOL ELECTRONIC LIBRARY DOCUMENT SYSTEM

A global database to help detect counterfeit and forged travel and identity documents.



INTERPOL



#### FIELDS Web **Platform**

Search, upload, record management etc.

#### Your dashboard All published My uploads Awaiting validation 3965 3077 12 Partially published Rejected Expired Expiring

#### Most recent publications





**Create Record** 





#### FIELDS Central Unit (FCU)

- Active since 1 April 2022
- Composed of INTERPOL and Frontex staff. Responsible for:
  - Stakeholder engagement to collect specimen documents and document model information
  - Creating QCCs and only entity able to validate record compliance
  - Managing the outreach and expansion of the system
  - Leading the technical and business improvements



# **TRIP REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2023**

#### Outreach and Expansion ...

- Interaction already underway for Western Balkans & Moldova via workshops and eventual integration
- Canada assessing its role as a regional leader, incorporating FIELDS into its Americas Capacity Building Program with Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Peru as initial beneficiaries (countries in other regions are being pursued to undertake a similar role)
- North Africa (in collaboration with IOM) will be targeted as a priority region (2024-2025)



#### In the pipeline ...

- The B2B system will be deployed in: Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Malta, Romania, and Spain (France already operational)
- Expand QCCs' accessibility to collaborative countries (Western Balkans, Moldova, Latin Americas)
- Interoperability with other document' systems (e.g. EBCG FADO)

## FIELDS' evolution as a tool fully interoperable with the document inspection system?



## Cooperation needs ...

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#### Cooperation Needs

**FIELDS** 

- **Document Experts** are needed to support the Quick Check Card (QCC) production process in an active manner (where capability exists).
  - This is the requirement to access FIELDS content and a unique global network of experts.
- Issuing Agencies are needed to gather information about document versions.
  - In return, FIELDS global network of experts can provide useful information that benefits document design (e.g. to assess the security mix in document design).



# Collaboration with ICAO

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#### **Collaboration with ICAO to:**

- Facilitate the exchange of information between Issuing Agencies and FIELDS Central Unit to improve data quality and information available.
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- Once the system starts to wider used, to consider FIELDS in tegration in the border management systems as a Recommended Practice.



# Collaboration with IOM

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#### **Collaboration with IOM to:**

- Facilitate collaboration with additional document expert networks (cooperation & capacity building).
- Include QCC production sessions in the IOM/DESC
  capabilities programm
- Model e Region Working Group
- Integrate RIZLDS Ea B so ution in the Migration Information and data Analysis System (MIDAS).
- Paclifate gldbal expansion of FILLDS by supporting countries in the integration of FIELDS B2B solution into their border management information systems.



#### Challenge: Restrictions of the QCC ...

- Frontex develops all QCC's in a dedicated Working Group comprising of EU/SAC States + Canada and Australia
- FIELDS collaboration requires mutual beneficial cooperation regarding QCC sharing
- WB + Moldova are the pilot group to expand accessibility to QCCs they are now producing QCC and sharing of QCCs with them is expected in December

INTERPOL and Frontex are working on how to address this via a global Mutual Benefit Cooperation framework (transparent criteria to grant access to QCCs)



# A joint undertaking

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