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*The ABCs of API*  
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# What is the OSCE?



- With 57 participating States in North America, Europe and Asia, the OSCE – the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – is the world’s largest regional security organization.

Could Westeros have been saved...



...if advance information of the arrival  
of the ill-intentioned traveller was shared  
with the other kingdoms?

# Why do we need passenger data in advance?



- The number of passengers travelling by air is predicted to almost double in the next 20 years
- As well as an increase in numbers, there is also an increase in risks
- The UN Security Council recognized the threat and adopted resolution 2178 in 2014 which mandates all States to collect Advance Passenger Information (API).

# How can States establish passenger data systems?



# ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

## A = Airlines

### (First Step)

- An airline consultation group should be notified of your country's plans to start collecting passenger data.

### (Second Step)

- A technical implementation guide for airlines that contains all the operational/legal/technical issues that airlines need to be aware of in order for them to transmit passenger data to your country.

### (Third Step)

- Recommended continuing the partnership approach throughout the process as your country progresses in collecting passenger data from more and more flights.

# ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

## **B = Binding**

- A national legal framework for collecting passenger data is needed for airlines to transmit the data.

**Why** – the purpose of collecting the data should be made clear.

**Who** – the legislation should make clear which agency will be collecting the data and which agencies will be making use of it.

**When and How** – The law should include provisions on when the data should be transferred.

**How Long** – provisions should be included on how long the data should be stored for.

**What if** - For any law to be enforceable in the event of non-compliance, penalties must be prescribed.

# ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

## C = Collaboration

- Collaboration among agencies within your country.
- OSCE are helping States to follow the recommended practice of establishing a 'single window' agency.
- This model significantly increases information sharing and collaboration among the relevant law enforcement agencies in your country.
- OSCE has been supporting States in creating inter-agency working groups for establishing a passenger data system and then identifying agencies to form part of a potential passenger information unit.

# Conclusion



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