

Prüm Treaty: stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime. Initiative Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Spain, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia, Italy, Finland, Portugal, Romania and Sweden

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The Council reached a **general approach** on a decision laying down the necessary administrative and technical provisions for the implementation of a decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (the "Prum decision").

The "Prum decision", agreed by the Council in June 2007, is designed to improve the exchange of information between the authorities responsible for the prevention and investigation of criminal offences.

To this end, the decision contains rules in the following areas:

- on the conditions and procedure for the automated transfer of DNA profiles, dactyloscopic data and certain national vehicle registration data;
- on the conditions for the supply of data in connection with major events with a crossborder dimension;
- on the conditions for the supply of information in order to prevent terrorist offences;
- on the conditions and procedure for stepping up cross-border police cooperation through various measures.

The implementing decision establishes those common provisions which are indispensable for administrative and technical implementation of the forms of cooperation set out in the Prum decision, especially for automated exchange of DNA data, dactyloscopic data and vehicle registration data