

EU/Switzerland agreement: cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime; forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities

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CORRIGENDUM to the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the application of some of the provisions of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, in particular to combat terrorism and cross-border crime, Council Decision 2008/616/JHA and Council Framework Decision 2009/905/JHA on the accreditation of forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities.

The corrigendum concerns the Declaration of the Contracting Parties on the occasion of the signature of the Agreement. It concerns only the **French version**.

The European Union and Switzerland, signatories to the Agreement, declare that the implementation of the exchange of data relating to DNA profiles, fingerprints and vehicle registrations requires Switzerland to establish bilateral connections for each of these categories of data with each of the Member States.

Switzerland may benefit from an informal partnership with Member States that have already implemented such data exchanges, with a view to sharing experiences and thus accessing practical and technical assistance. The terms of such partnerships shall be the subject of a direct agreement between the Member States concerned.

It is specified that Swiss experts may at any time contact the Presidency of the Council, the European Commission or recognised experts in the fields for which they wish to obtain information, clarification or any other type of assistance. Similarly, when it comes to the preparation of proposals or communications for which it is in contact with the representatives of the Member States, the Commission may in the same way approach the representatives of the Swiss Confederation.

Swiss experts may be invited to participate in meetings in which experts from Member States discuss the various technical aspects directly relevant to the implementation and development of the content of the above-mentioned Council decisions.