



Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: Illicit trafficking in firearms to safeguard the EU's internal security (E02931)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Abbreviation: Firearms Expert Group

Policy Area: Justice and Home Affairs

Lead DG: HOME - DG Migration and Home Affairs

Associated DG: GROW - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Type: Formal, Permanent

Scope: Limited

Mission: The group of experts deals with measures against the illicit trafficking in firearms to safeguard the EU's internal security

Task: Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives

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Creating Act: Commission Decision of 11 April 2013 C(2013) 1993 final

Link to Website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm

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Additional Information

Activity Report

2nd meeting 27 may 2014

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Activity Report

first meeting 10 December 2013

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 79 kb)

[Document 2](#)

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Selection Procedure (members)

The members of the expert group are: (a) Member States' law enforcement authorities (up to nine members); (b) Experts from universities, research institutes and non-governmental organisations (up to three members); (c) Associations of European producers of firearms (up to two members); (d) The European Police Office (one member); 2. Member States' authorities and the European Police Office referred to in points (a) and (d) of paragraph 1 shall nominate their representatives. Members referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1 will be appointed, in their personal capacity, by the Director General of DG Home Affairs following an open call for applications to become a member of the expert group. Members referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1 will be appointed by the Director General of DG Home Affairs following an open call for applications. Members of the expert group are appointed for five years. They shall remain in office until they are replaced or their term of office ends. Their term of office may be renewed. Concerning members referred to in points (b) and (c) of paragraph 1, provision may be made for the same number of alternates as members to be appointed. Alternates shall be appointed in accordance with the same conditions as members; alternates automatically replace any members who are absent or indisposed. If both a Member and his/her alternate are absent or indisposed, Members may, with the agreement of the Chair of the group, nominate experts to represent them at meetings.

Internal Rules of Procedure

The present group is operated without rules of procedure being adopted, in accordance with Art.17.2 of the Commission Decision C(2016)3301 which specifies that "Experts groups and sub-group existing at the time of adoption of this Decision may continue operating without rules of procedure being adopted.

Members

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
Ernesto Savona	Italy	University professor, Director Transcrime Institute Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore Milano (Italie)	Member
Sarah Parker	United Kingdom	researcher in Small Arms Survey Research Institute	Member

Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
Thierry Jacobs	Belgium	Secretary General	Member
Mauro Silvis	Italy	Secretary General	Member

Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la sécurité (GRIP)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	Belgium European International	Member

Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Type E - Other public entity

Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

Statistics

Number of Members: 15

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	2	female: 1	male: 1
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	2	female: 0	male: 2
Type C - Organisation:	1		
Type D - Member State Authority:	9		

Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		