

**KROMĚŘÍŽ DECLARATION
OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP**

KROMĚŘÍŽ, MAY 26, 2017

Strategy against Terrorism and Terrorism Financing

Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group are closely monitoring the dynamic growth of criminal activity associated with terrorism faced in particular by certain states and they convey their readiness for close mutual cooperation and cooperation with other states in the course of uncovering this serious crime, which rightfully disconcerts the general public. Given the international dimension of terrorism, it is precisely the close international cooperation, including timely exchange of information that forms an indispensable condition of successful combat against it.

The Visegrad countries follow closely international requirements in this field and strive to achieve a level of regulation which will meet challenges of present security situation in Europe. Substantive-law regulation of terrorist criminal activity in Visegrad countries is on such level that it allows prosecution of all forms of this criminal activity, including endorsement and promotion of terrorism. General prosecutors of the Visegrad group have also emphasized the need to increase the efficiency of timely and pro-active investigation of terrorism financing.

Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group highly regard the fact that investigation of this type of crime is conducted not only by specialized Police units, but that this specialization is established also in the prosecution system of individual Visegrad countries.

The possibilities of procedural utilization of information provided by intelligence agencies were also discussed, as well as legal regulation of urgent actions in criminal proceedings in case of a terrorist attack.

The Prosecutors General also discussed the possible correlation of growing terrorist threat and uncontrolled illegal migration.

Strategy against Drug Crime

Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group convey their resolve to pay due attention to the issue of illegal traffic with precursors used for manufacturing synthetic drugs, both within the EU countries and in case of import from third states. They also intend to pay no less attention to fight against trafficking with new psycho-active substances which bring new social risks in a comparable scale to the so called traditional drugs.

For the purpose of timely international cooperation both between the Visegrad countries and in particular with other EU Member States, Prosecutors General deem it appropriate to exchange contact information on the individual national experts responsible for concentration and evaluation of data in this area, so as to facilitate the exchange of necessary information.

Regarding the unified European legislation of precursors, Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group convey their readiness to provide each other with necessary information on abuse of any substances for the manufacture of synthetic drugs in order to initiate addition of such substances to the list of prohibited substances, either according to the national legislation or the EU legislation. In order to duly assess these issues it is pertinent to share knowledge on specific narcotic and psychotropic substances that are prohibited in the individual Visegrad countries and for this purpose the prosecution services of the Visegrad Group will grant each other access to the relevant lists of such substances, which will be updated regularly.

As regards the development of modern information technologies, Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group deem it important to deal with new ways of drug distribution through the Internet, including hidden layers of Internet, so called Darknet. In view of combatting drug crime through the Internet it is necessary to combine traditional methods of combatting drug crime with methods associated with combatting so called cyber-crime, and for this purpose to emphasize training of experts in this area, both within the ranks of competent Police units and public prosecution authorities in the individual countries.

European Investigation Order

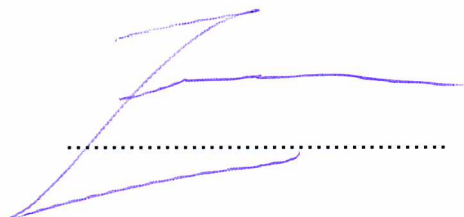
Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group pay due attention to the quality of international judicial cooperation in criminal matters which has imminent impact on the effectiveness of criminal proceedings.

Prosecutors General have discussed the status of implementation of the Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters. It was noted that as of May 23, 2017, only Hungary has implemented the Directive. They have agreed on the suitability of securing international judicial cooperation in criminal proceedings on the existing legal basis until such time as the Directive is implemented, i.e. on the basis of international treaties and domestic legislation regulating this area.

Prosecutors General of the Visegrad Group support mutual exchange on experience with implementation and real-world application of the European Investigation Order. They welcome the preparation of the regional meeting of the European Judicial Network hosted by the Republic of Poland on October 5 and 6, 2017, which will address this issue.

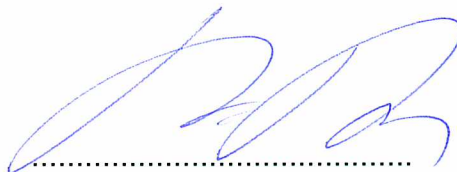
Pavel Z E M A N

Supreme Public Prosecutor
of the Czech Republic



Péter P O L T

Prosecutor General
of Hungary



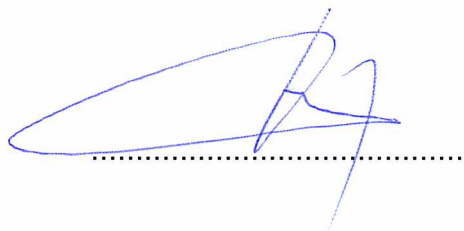
Andrzej P O Z O R S K I

Deputy Prosecutor General
On behalf of Prosecutor General
of the Republic of Poland



Jaromír Č I Ž N Á R

Prosecutor General
Of the Slovak Republic



In Kroměříž on May 26, 2017