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Your guide to the Preliminary Congress Programme and event information

The 2024 World Border Security Congress will be held on 24th-26th April 2024.

The World Border Security Congress is the premier multi-jurisdictional global platform where the border protection policy-makers, management and practitioners together with security industry professionals, convene annually to discuss the international challenges faced in protecting borders.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, you are invited to join us in Istanbul, Turkey in one of the most strategically positioned countries, on 24th-26th April for a stimulating and essential gathering of international border and migration management professionals.

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Welcome to your guide to the Preliminary Congress Programme of the 2024 World Border Security Congress taking place in the historic city of Istanbul on 24th-26th April 2024.

In this guide you will find all the information you require for a successful attendance, from the outline Congress Programme (correct at the time of printing) to details on the Closed Agency Only Workshops, as well as a great Accommodation Special Rate the Congress has arranged with the venue hotel and how to book your delegate place and accommodation.

If you have any queries regarding your attendance to the World Border Security Congress, including clearance to attend the Closed Agency Only Workshops, please contact Neil Walker, Event Director, World Border Security Congress at neilw@world-border-congress.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to Istanbul, Turkey this April, for the next exciting gathering of the border management and protection community, international border agencies and agencies at the border.

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Dear Colleague,

Developing Border Strategies Through Co-operation and Technology

Turkey is arguably one of the most strategically positioned countries in the world and Istanbul, the most strategically positioned city. Turkey stands on the crossroads between two continents and indeed two cultures. It also sits astride the Bosphorus Strait, connecting two of the world's most important seas, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Conflict in the neighbouring countries has led to major influxes of refugees heading for Europe or simply the nearest safe haven. Turkey has an estimated five million refugees currently hosted, mainly coming from the conflicts in Iraq and Syria.

Turkey is working hard with neighbours including the EU to address these challenges including the sharing of intelligence, conducting joint operations, and offering humanitarian assistance.

With its unique position as one of the world's gateway cities, Istanbul and Turkey is the perfect place to convene for the next meeting of the World Border Security Congress.

We need to continue the discussion, collaboration and intelligence sharing.

We are delighted to be supported by *the Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the European Association of Airport and Seaport Police (EAASP), African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC), Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI), African Young People Support Center, World Border Security Network and International Association of CIP Professionals*, and is the premier multi-jurisdictional global platform where the border protection policy-makers, management and practitioners together with security industry professionals, convene to discuss the international challenges faced in protecting borders.

The Congress programme (correct at the time of printing) will deliver high level discussions and a series of Closed Agency Only Workshops for promoting greater collaboration on the international challenges.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee you are cordially invited to Istanbul, Turkey on 24th-26th April 2024 for World Border Security Congress, the premier gathering of border and migration management professionals.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Neil Walker
Event Director
World Border Security Congress





Turkey's geographical location poses significant challenges for its border security and migration agencies. Straddling two continents, Turkey sits at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. Its unique position makes it a vital transit point for migrants and refugees looking to reach European countries, as well as organized criminal gangs to conduct cross border smuggling activities.

One of the main challenges arises from Turkey's extensive land and sea borders, sharing borders with eight countries, and its boundaries encompass rugged terrains, including mountains and rivers that can be difficult to patrol. Moreover, its maritime borders with Greece and Bulgaria, across the Aegean Sea, provide multiple clandestine entry points for people trying to reach Europe. The vastness and complexity of these borders necessitate considerable manpower and resources to monitor and secure effectively.

Turkey has become a major route for mass migration movements, especially since the Syrian civil war, which resulted in millions of refugees seeking asylum. This has put immense pressure on Turkey's migration management capacities. The influx of migrants not only requires border control but also humanitarian aid, asylum processing, and integration efforts. This ongoing situation leads to the challenge of balancing security measures with human rights obligations.

The geopolitical situation is another factor complicating the border control issues. The political unrest in neighboring regions and the rise of non-state actors, such as smugglers and human trafficking networks, exploit the situation, making the enforcement of border regulations even more daunting.

Turkey's location presents a unique set of challenges for border security and migration. The country has to deal with a complex border landscape, significant migration flows, geopolitical uncertainties, and the pressure of aligning with European Union standards, all of which tax its resources and policy-making decisions.

Advancements in technology are assisting in the battle to maintain safe and secure international travel. The border security professional still remains the front line against these threats.

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Current Border Security Challenges:

- Migration Crisis Tests European Consensus and Governance
- Migrants and refugees streaming into Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia
- Big Business of Smuggling Enables Mass Movement of People for Enormous Profits
- Climate Change and Natural Disasters Displace Millions, Affect Migration Flows
- Europe and the United States Confront Significant Flows of Unaccompanied Child Migrants
- Tackling Southeast Asia's Migration Challenge
- Cross-border organised criminal gangs exploit human trafficking, drug smuggling and small arms proliferation
- Border Skirmishes Resonate in National Domestic Politics
- Women's Labour Migration from Asia and the Pacific

Why Attend

The 2024 World Border Security Congress will bring together the world's senior policy makers, practitioners and players, in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2024, to discuss and debate the current and future issues facing the border management, security and migration management sector.

Your attendance to the World Border Security Congress will ensure you are up-to-date on the latest issues, policies and challenges facing the world's border management, protection and security forces, as well as contribute to the discussion on how to best collaborate and cooperate to make our borders safer and more secure.

You will also gain an insight in to what the future holds for the management of migration and refugee movement, as well as systems and technologies employed in fighting illegal border activities, including drug and people trafficking.

With active senior border force officials and speakers delivering discussion and thought provoking presentations on many of the serious border protection, management and security issues and challenges facing the industry.

- High level conference with leading industry speakers and professionals
- Learn from experiences and challenges from the world's border agencies
- Gain insight into national, regional and global policy and border agency developments
- Constructive debate, educational opportunities and cooperation advocacy
- Share ideas and facilitate in valuable inter-agency cooperation
- Exhibition showcasing leading technologies and products
- Networking events and opportunities

Who is the World Border Security Congress for?

Immigration and border management and security policy makers and practitioners.

Senior representatives from national border services, police, customs, and immigration services, as well as organisations, services and suppliers to the border management and security industry, including:

- Customs and border control officials
- National / Homeland security advisors, policymakers and personnel
- Coast guard officers
- Chiefs of Police and Police and law enforcement officers
- Boundary commissioners
- Diplomats and foreign affairs officials
- Borderland planners and managers
- Defence and security departments
- Consular officials
- Policy analysts
- Global Security Risk Analyst
- Heads of Department of Economic, Management and Operation of Maritime Transport
- Heads of National Analysis Centre
- Heads of Sector, EU and Schengen
- Security system providers

CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

8:30am - 12:00pm	Site Visits
9:30am - 12:30pm	AU-ECOSOCC/AYPSC Africa Workshop
10:30am - 12:30pm	EAASP Workshop
1:30pm - 3:30pm	MINISTERIAL OPENING, WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Networking Coffee Break
4:00pm - 5:30pm	PLENARY - Managing Migration (organised crime as cover for migrant smuggling and THB)
7:00pm	Welcome Reception (Invitation Only)

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - Terrorism and Countering Terrorism (incl. FTFs as sleepers)
9:00am-10:30am	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
9:30am - 7:00pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Challenges for small ports and airfields
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Inter-Agency Cooperation and Information Sharing
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Maritime Border Challenges
2:00pm-3:30pm	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
4:15pm - 5:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - IT/Tech at the Border as an Enabler/Threat - Cybercrime / AI
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Latest/New Modus Operandi
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Networking Reception in the Exhibition Hall

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - Countering Serious Organised Crime, Drugs, SALW, Smuggling
9:00am - 10:30am	NATO COEDAT Countering Terrorism Workshop
9.30am - 4.30pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - ID / Document Fraud
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Watchlisting
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Future Borders
4:00pm	World Border Security Congress Round Up and Close

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Wed 24th April	1.00pm to 5.30pm
Thur 25th April	9.30am to 7.30pm
Fri 26th April	9.30am to 4.30pm

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Wed 24th April	12.00pm to 5.00pm
Thur 25th April	8.30am to 7.00pm
Fri 26th April	8.30am to 4.00pm

REGISTRATION



Government Agency / Public Sector

The World Border Security Congress is open for members of federal government, border management agencies, law enforcement or inter-governmental agencies, the European Union, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, AFRIPOL, ASEANAPOL, AMERIPOL, OSCE, IOM, EAASP and associated Agencies and members (public and official) involved in border security, management and protection. Applications will be reviewed and considered on an individual basis. Delegates are requested to register sufficiently early to ensure participation. For all above mentioned communities the World Border Security Congress **early registration (prior to 31st March 2024) is "Free of Charge"**.

Register online at www.world-border-congress.com/agency-reg

Commercial, Industry and Other Organizations

Industry companies and other organizations sending staff members to the World Border Security Congress are required to purchase a conference pass.

Registration Fees can be found on the Registration Form at the back of this booklet, or alternately online at www.world-border-congress.com/conference/registration-fees. Early Bird registration deadline is **31st March 2024**.

Register online at www.world-border-congress.com/online-reg

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Online at www.world-border-congress.com
2. Complete the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet and email to: registration@world-border-congress.com.
3. Complete the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet and mail to:
World Border Security Congress, Torch Marketing, 200 Ware Road, Hoddesdon,
Herts EN11 9EY, United Kingdom.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - deadline 31st March 2024

For Commercial, Industry and Other Organizations, register yourself and your colleagues as conference delegates by 31st March 2024 and save with the Early Bird Discount.

Discounts for Members of Supporting Associations

If you are a member of one of the following trade associations, supporters of the World Border Security Congress, then you can benefit from a special discount rate:

- National Security & Resilience Consortium (NS&RC)
- International Association of CIP Professionals (IACIPP)
- International Security Industry Organization (ISIO)

Check the Registration Form enclosed with this booklet for full details.

CLOSED AGENCY ONLY WORKSHOPS



FOR BORDER AGENCIES AND AGENCIES AT THE BORDER ONLY – If you are interested in participating in the Closed Agency Only Workshops, in order to obtain clearance to attend the Closed Workshops, please register via the Online Agency Registration complete the Agency Registration Form and return, to begin the approval process. If you have any queries please contact Neil Walker, Event Director, World Border Security Congress at neilw@world-border-congress.com.

The World Border Security Congress aims to promote collaboration, inter-agency cooperation and information/intelligence sharing amongst border agencies and agencies at the border to better engage and tackle the increasing threats and cross border security challenges that pertain to today's global environment.

Border agencies and agencies at the border can benefit from the 'Closed Agency Only Workshops', hosted by key organisations and experts, with a series of behind closed door discussion and working group opportunities.

This years Closed Agency Only Workshop topics are:

Thursday 25th April 2024 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

Inter-Agency Cooperation and Information Sharing

Moderator: UNOCT | UNCCT | Border Security and Management

It is well established that inter-agency and international information sharing is essential for effectively fighting cross border crimes such as terrorism, THB, weapons and drug smuggling, the trade in cultural heritage and protected species. With no formal global organisation for agencies at the border, this Closed Agency Workshop is a mechanism and resource for agencies to discuss sharing information and how the international community can collaborate to achieve common aims.

Thursday 25th April 2024 - 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Latest/New Modus Operandi

Moderator: UNODC

This Closed Agency Workshop will enable practitioners the opportunity to share analysis on the latest trends in cross border crimes and share some of their latest experiences of changing Modus Operandi of criminal groups operating in their area, and what they have done to combat these changing criminal activities/actions.

Friday 26th April 2024 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

Watchlisting

Moderator: U.S. Department of Justice/ICITAP

This Closed Agency Workshop aims to promote the responsible and ethical use of watchlists. Why they are an essential tool for law enforcement and border agencies. It will cover what is required for an individual to be included on a watch list, what data and biometrics is included on an individual's record within a watch list, what watchlist resources are available and how to share information on a watchlist internally and with international partners, consistent with international law and legal standards.

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL

1:30pm - 3:30pm MINISTERIAL OPENING KEYNOTE AND WELCOME

Minister of Interior, Turkey*

Senior Representative, Turkish National Police*

Jalel Chelba, Acting Executive Director AFRIPOL, African Union*

Gerard Waite, Head of Mission IOM Turkey

Ms Siv-Katrine Leirtroe, Head of Border Security and Management Unit, Transnational Threats Dept, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Senior Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Senior Representative, European Association of Airport & Seaport Police (EAASP)

4:00pm - 5:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - MANAGING MIGRATION (ORGANISED CRIME AS COVER FOR MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND THB)

It is well established that organised crime groups are able to adapt and evolve to use any weakness or vulnerability at our borders as a cover for nefarious activities. The migration crises we are experiencing on the southern borders of the US and EU offer prime opportunities for criminal activities, including smuggling migrants for money, which is generally a voluntary transaction but leaves migrants dangerously exposed to death, injury and abuse, and THB, which is the forced trafficking of persons. Regions of Asia are also experiencing unprecedented levels of THB, often for the vice trade. What are the latest challenges with migrant smuggling and THB, how do these two crimes differ in terms of methodology and how does can the international community combat cross-border crimes or irregular migration?

Senior Representative, Ministry of Interior, Turkey*

Vulnerable persons at the border: Protection and Prevention - Amanda Read, National Operational lead, Safeguarding & Modern Slavery, UK Border Force

Pier Rossi-Longhi, Senior Regional Immigration and Border Governance Specialist, IOM

Akuila Ratu, Head of Secretariat, Pacific Immigration Development Community, Samoa

The refugee crisis at the Moldovan border - Eugen Levco, Head of the International Cooperation Directorate, Moldova Border Police

Migration Flows and Their Impact on Border Management in Receiving Countries by Using Time Series Models - Iliuta Cumpanasu, West University Timisoara, Romania

7:00pm - 9:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION (INVITATION ONLY)

*invited

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - TERRORISM AND COUNTERING TERRORISM (INCL. FTFs AS SLEEPERS)

Whilst the threat from ISIL and Al Qaeda has diminished since the destruction of the Islamic Caliphate in Syria and Iraq, Isil's defeat has left thousands of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF's) in captivity in the Middle East and -Stan countries, with many more yet unaccounted for. How much of a long-term threat do these unaccounted for and incarcerated FTF's pose as they are released or escape and use the THB networks to infiltrate back into their countries of origin. And how many have already made their way back to their home country without being picked up by the local criminal justice system. The UN mandated adoption of API and PNR, in combination with the more widespread use of watchlists, will be a key factor in countering the movement of FTF's.

Goran Stojkovski, Programme Management Officer, UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel), United Nations Office of Counterterrorism (UNOCT), UNCTC
Commissioner Cristiano de Souza Eloi, Head of the Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Unit, Federal Police, Brazil

Threats and Challenges of Trade Facilitation Under Insurgency and Fragile Borders: Nigeria Customs Experience - Sanusi Tasiu Saulawa, Assistant Comptroller of Customs, Nigeria Customs Service

What can we learn from Behaviour - Sarah Jane Prew, Security Consultant, Arup
Big data analytics and analyzing traveler movements - Jonas Ojjevaar, Head of Product Marketing, WCC Group

9.00AM - 10.30AM

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

See some of the latest border tech solutions demonstrated and discussed during the Technology Workshop.

Developing a border security lab at the European Commission - Joint Research Centre - Guido Ferraro, Project Manager, European Commission - JRC

Efficient policing with cutting-edge VeriDNA Rapid DNA technology - Stefan Sauter, Senior Product Manager, Veridos GmbH

Real-time Border Crossing with Iris Recognition - Seyit Ali Kaya, Regional Manager, Iris ID Systems

Unifying Intelligence and AI for Next-Gen Border Security: Strategies and Insights - Moe El-Hamrawy, SVP - Borders, Babel Street, USA

Uninterrupted Long-Range Border Surveillance through Buried Optical Fiber Technology - David Hill, Chief Technology Officer, Sintela Ltd

Building RF sensor walls – augmenting border security with advanced RF technologies - Chris Abraham, VP Marketing, CRFS

Human Detection using the next generation of Cargo system non-intrusive inspection, the most advanced and efficient technology yet; Radiation Free (100% Passive and Safe), Unmatched Penetration - Kevin Davies, Chief Commercial Officer, Decision Sciences

Use and impact of Artificial Intelligence in Maritime Border Security - Malcolm Claister, CEO & Ian Clarke, Director Business Development and Client Relations, Sirius Insight

11:15AM - 12:30PM

WORKSHOPS

BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - CHALLENGES FOR SMALL PORTS AND AIRFIELDS

As perpetrators of trafficking human beings (THB) and international crimes, such as smuggling of drugs or illicit goods, continue to show signs of avoiding commercial airlines, there is evidence that regional airlines and airports, as well as light aircraft into small private aerodromes and fields, are being used for these activities, where the handling of these flights by departure and arrival are not through the regular border controls. Similar issues and challenges are being faced on coastal borders, with smugglers and traffickers of human beings using small boats to benefit from utilising beaches or hidden alcoves to conduct their illegal activities. What can be done to tackle the use of light aircraft and private airfields, and small boats, which are difficult to detect, highly problematic to intercept and easy for criminal to be in and out again in a matter of minutes?

Peter Nilsson, Head of AIRPOL

Project Pegasus - Thomas King, Team Leader, General Aviation Multi Agency Hub, Home Office, UK
Sjoerd Top, Executive Director, Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (MAOC)
Ruggero Scaturro, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

Moderator: Rocco Messina, Head of the Border Security and Management Unit, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

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Reducing Irregular Migration to the EU through Enhanced Regional Collaboration of Migration-related Structures in the Western Balkans - Snezana Trajanovska, Director, MARRI RC (Migration, Asylum, Refugee Regional Initiative - Regional Centre)

TBC

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - MARITIME BORDER CHALLENGES

Securing maritime borders is one of the most challenging problems facing border and associated agencies. Tens of thousands of kilometres of coastline. Thousands of secluded bays and river estuaries and inlets. Islands, islets, cliffs, beaches, marshlands and mangrove swamps. Busy ports and harbours. Numerous commercial and pleasure craft coming and going in conditions that can be anything from flat calm to gale force. Add to this the unseen; submersibles, semi-submersibles, scuba divers and underwater caches. Given the favourable conditions for criminal enterprise, no wonder smuggling is one of the oldest criminal activities. How do you secure your coasts and tackle the multitude of ingress and egress points and ensure that our coasts and maritime borders are as secure as they can be?

Senior Representative, Turkish Coast Guard*

CDR (PRT-N) Ricardo Lopes, Cell Head CivMil Engagement - Sub Sahara, NATO Southern Hub

Captain John Gregg, Director of Law Enforcement, Maritime Security, and Defense Operations Policy, US Coast Guard

Major General Jorge Ludovico Bolas, Commander, Coastal and Border Control Unit, GNR, Portugal

ADG S Paramesh, Additional Director General, Indian Coast Guard

CG Admiral Ronnir Gavan, Commandant, Philippines Coast Guard*

2.00PM - 3.30PM

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

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Application of Low Field - NMR (LF-NMR) for characterization and identification of products for customs purposes - Maria Carmela Emanuele, Chemist, Italian Custom

Digital Travel - Hype or Hero? - Andy Smith, Director, Government & Industry Relations, SITA

Improved Border Security Through Scalable Integrated Solutions - David Simpson, Senior Director/International Business Development, Teledyne FLIR Defense

The Shrinking World of Biometrics - David Gerulski, EVP, Integrated Biometrics

How Can Border Agencies Enhance Border Security with API-PNR Data? - Helene Dubos, Head of Marketing, Streamlane

Air Border Management: The Increasing Value of X-ray Data Generation for Air Border Screening - Sara Bracceschi, Head of Consulting & Services, Customs, Center for Adaptive Security Research and Applications (CASRA)

Digitally and optically enhanced border guard frontliners to secure air, land and sea borders - Sandra Slavinec, CEO, Doculus Lumus

4:15PM - 5:30PM

WORKSHOPS

BREAKOUT SESSION - IT/TECH AT THE BORDER AS AN ENABLER/THREAT - CYBERCRIME / AI

The mandated use of API/PNR data will make travel much safer and ultimately easier. But, the more people and organisations that hold and share our personal data, the more vulnerable we all become to cyber-crime, both as individuals and as organisations. Systems using API/PNR data are and will be a target for cyber criminals. The more personal data we hold and the more we rely on data systems as enablers at the border, the more vulnerable we are malicious cyber-attacks, whether for financial gain such as ransomware attacks, identity fraud or simply to disruption of the regular flow of traffic at the border. Does this threat increase exponentially with the advent of AI or is AI the answer to protecting ourselves and our systems? Can AI be utilised to generate alerts, red flags on travellers?

Practices from Turkey and the World on Border Security and Management in the Age of Digitalization
- Asst. Prof. Dr., İbrahim İrdem, Head of Department of Security Strategies and Management, Turkish National Police Academy

Theofanis Syrigos, Head of Business Relations Management Sector, eu-LISA

Kaitlin Ball, Expert Adviser on Human Rights and New Technologies, ODIHR

Paul Igbinere, Executive Director, African Young People Support Centre

Man or morph? How morphing attack detection helps border control against identity fraud - Michael Schwaiger, Senior Product Manager, secunet Security Networks AG

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - LATEST/NEW MODUS OPERANDI

Moderator: Tofiq Murshudlu, Head of Coordination, Border Management Branch, UNODC

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UNODC AIRCOP/PPP Programs - Tofiq Murshudlu, Head of Coordination, Border Management Branch, UNODC

Chief Superintendent Pedro Alberto Nunes Teixeira, Deputy National Director of Airport Security and Border Control, Public Sector Police (PSP), Portugal



FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - COUNTERING SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME, DRUGS, SALW, SMUGGLING

Criminal actors continue to be very creative in developing new techniques and channels to conduct illicit activities. There is an old saying, 'follow the money' - investigating financial transactions and use that information to indicate evidence of a crime, a suspect or criminal network. But it is not only the money that facilitates this, it's exporter, carrier, forward freighter, delivery address, destination and more. Like API/PNR for passengers, this information builds a picture of the whole transaction that will establish patterns and history vital to identifying the organised criminal gangs that smuggle drugs, weapons, people etc. What are the latest challenges in the battle against SOC and how can border and associated agencies better use the data available to them to defeat cross border organised crime.

Major General Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui, Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh

LTC Marcos Pérez-Mayor, Border and Customs Police Command, Guardia Civil, Spain

Tofiq Murshudlu, Head of Coordination, Border Management Branch, UNODC

Casey Durst, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support, US CBP

Joseph Ahoba, Head of Small Arms Division, ECOWAS*

Border Security and Illicit Trade: A Case Study of South-Western Nigeria -

Emmanuel Oluwadare Oshoba, Comptroller of Customs, Nigeria Customs Service

Mastering security challenges from illicit trading with agile security technology -

Fidel Amakye Owusu, Subject Matter Expert for Security, unival group GmbH

9.00AM - 10.30AM

NATO COEDAT COUNTERING TERRORISM WORKSHOP - AGENCY ONLY

Moderated by: Marouan Hitti, Ugur Gungor, Richard Warnes - NATO COEDAT

COE-DAT will provide an academic insight into border security in the context of CT, and use case study examples from Türkiye and Lebanon in order to highlight how theoretical understanding can be applied in practice to better equip policy-level decision makers to defend their borders against terrorist activity.

The workshop aims to provide insight at the strategic level with regards to managing the range of tools available to develop border security, though this will include understanding the requirement to ensure strategy can be implemented at the tactical level. The outcome is to view border security and CT as a holistic process, underpinned by both academic research and practical experience."

Full details at www.world-border-congress.com/natocoedat-workshop

11:15AM - 12:30PM **WORKSHOPS**

BREAKOUT SESSION - ID / DOCUMENT FRAUD

Criminals and terrorists historically often make use of fake and genuine identity and travel documents to enable their illegal activities. The adoption of Entry/Exit systems and data will no doubt make this more difficult but we should anticipate that criminals and terrorists will use their undoubted ingenuity and considerable resources to circumvent this problem. So, what is the future of identity fraud and how do we put in place mechanisms to identify the vulnerabilities. And once identified the vulnerabilities in the systems how do we plug the gaps and ensure that those gaps and plugs are shared with colleagues worldwide? With different agencies having developed different programs, how can these work together to the benefit of the international border management community?

Claudio Kavrecic, Head of Centre of Excellence for Combatting Document Fraud, Operational Response Division, Frontex

Robert Frain, FIELD5 Policy Officer, INTERPOL

Ivanka Spadina, IBM Programme Coordinator for Turkey, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - WATCHLISTING

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Moderator: Daniel Guerrero, Watchlisting Assistance Support Program (WASP) Adviser, U.S. Department of Justice/ICITAP/Amentum

Senior Representative, INTERPOL*

Counter Terrorism Border Operations Centre, Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters



2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - FUTURE BORDERS

It is now clear that entry/exit systems are future of our borders and that API/ PNR data is fundamental to their successful implementation. But how is that implementation progressing, especially at our maritime and green borders where there is little or no experience in the use of these technologies and data systems, and where conditions make it much more challenging, like busy ferry ports or secluded border crossings points or harbours? As passengers in general want technology to make travel simpler, governmental movements towards new forms of border control with the use of Digital Identity are with public-private cooperation. What is the changing landscape of API/PNR and how will that data and systems be managed as it rolls out across the world and are Trusted Traveller Programmes based on API/ PNR data the future. What's the latest thought leadership in enhancing border protection and management to counter the ever-changing challenges?

ETIAS Travel Authorisation Update - Sabine Kloss-Tullius, Head of Applications Processing Unit, ETIAS Central Unit, Frontex

Secure, Seamless Travel - Diane Sabatino, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Digital travel and biometrics at the security checkpoints - Christina Peach, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Requirements & Capabilities Analysis, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), USA

Integrated Border Stability Mechanism (IBSM) - Rocco Messina, Head of the Border Security and Management Unit, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

Free movement zones: Benefits and risks - Danilo Diniz Correia, Implementation Assistant, IOM Argentina & Lizeth Lema Matehu, Project Manager, IOM, El Salvador

Oksana Kuryshcheva, Associate Programme Officer, OSCE

Accelerating the Digitalization of Borders - Emmanuel Wang, Vice-President Governance, Travel & Transport Business Line, Idemia

3:30pm - 4:00PM

CONGRESS ROUND UP AND CLOSE

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SITE VISITS



SITE VISITS TO ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; OR PORT OF ISTANBUL

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL – 8.30AM-12NOON

ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Istanbul Airport is the larger of two international airports serving Istanbul, Turkey. It is located in the Arnavutköy district on the European side of the city.

It served more than 64 million passengers in 2022, making it the busiest airport in Europe and 7th-busiest airport in the world in terms of total passenger traffic and, by serving more than 48 million international passengers, the 5th-busiest airport in the world in terms of international passenger traffic according to ACI World traffic values. It serves up to 114 countries and is the hub for Turkish Airlines.

Construction of the airport was divided over four phases. When all stages are completed, the airport will have the capacity to serve 200 million yearly passengers, which would at that time have made it the world's biggest airport. The cost of the project was estimated at €7 billion.

With the co-operation of the Ministry of Interior, The World Border Security Congress is delighted to offer, a guided site visit of Istanbul International Airport for a limited number of delegates.

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The terminal follows international standards in all passenger, luggage and passport control services and operations, which are entirely underground.

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THURSDAY 25th APRIL
5.30pm - 7.30pm
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We invite you to join us at the end of the Thursday 25th April for the World Border Security Congress Networking Reception in the exhibition area at the Gorrion Hotel Istanbul, which will see the border security industry management professionals gather for a more informal reception.

With the opportunity to meet colleagues and peers you can build relationships with senior border agency and security officials in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The Networking Reception is free to attend and open to industry professionals.

We look forward to welcoming you.



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ADVANCING SOCIAL ECONOMIC CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL - 9.30AM-12.30PM

This Workshop, organized by the African Young People Support Centre (AYPSC) in collaboration with the African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF), is geared towards a comprehensive exploration of social-economic cross-border relations. Although a specific emphasis on the African continent, it covers examples from other continents. The event aims to unravel the intricate interplay between trade dominance, political mediation, and technological advancements, all pivotal in fostering cross-border coordination and cooperation.

The examination of cross-border dynamics is a focal point, delving into the intricate dance between trade, politics, and institutions, including scrutinizing the correlation between trade dominance and the resulting economic interdependency that gives rise to cross-border linkages. Special attention will be given to investigating the role of local-central networks, involving government actors and other organizations, in mediating these complex processes.

In the era of global digital transformation, the Workshop will address continental advancements

in digital governance from a global perspective. It will emphasize the imperative of continental harmonization and the need for complementary global actions to influence norms on digital governance. The 'digital agenda' calls for not only national policy implementation but also high-level political investment at the continental level, coupled with global engagement on standard setting.

The Workshop underscores the need for Africa to actively shape its role in global digital geopolitics. Insights shared during the event will focus on smart border technologies and their potential to revolutionize Africa's infrastructure, whilst contributing significantly to securing peace and stability across the African continent, by efficiently connecting African capitals and socio-economic activities.

Workshop Time

Wednesday 24th April 2024 : 9.30am – 12:30pm

Delegates of the World Border Security Congress are entitled to participate in this African Young People Support Centre (AYPSC) and African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF) Workshop.

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COUNTERING THE MOVEMENT OF TERRORISTS ACROSS BORDERS WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY NATO COE-DAT

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 9.00AM-10.30AM

For Border agencies and agencies at the border only



Moderated by: Marouan Hitti, Ugur Gungor, Richard Warnes - NATO COEDAT

A Centre of Excellence (COE) is an entity offering specialised expertise and experience to the benefit of the NATO Alliance, especially in support of Transformation. The Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) is a NATO accredited, multi-national sponsored entity located in Ankara, Türkiye. COE-DAT was inaugurated in 2005 as the second among the 30 NATO Centres of Excellence that exist today. The Centre is composed of personnel from eight NATO nations and is focused on providing key decision-makers with realistic solutions to terrorism and counter-terrorism (CT) challenges. COE-DAT is designed to complement NATO's current resources while also serving three different functions: NATO's Department Head in Education and Training for CT; Education and Training Facility offering courses and other training and education opportunities; and, a strategic-level think tank.

Border Security is one of the topics that COE-DAT invests in, as it is deemed relevant to CT efforts. Border Security, Refugees and Counter-Terrorism is one of the 12 NATO-approved courses that are taught at COE-DAT.

During the COE-DAT workshop at the World Border Security Congress, COE-DAT will provide an academic insight into border security in the context of CT, and use case study examples from Türkiye and Lebanon in order to highlight how theoretical understanding can be applied in practice to better equip policy-level decision makers to defend their borders against terrorist activity.

The aim of the workshop is to allow participants to engage with subject matter experts and discuss a series of factors that contribute to border security, highlighting how technological advances need to be matched by human understanding and conventional methods in order to provide comprehensive defence against terrorism.

The workshop aims to provide insight at the strategic level with regards to managing the range of tools available to develop border security, though this will include understanding the requirement to ensure strategy can be implemented at the tactical level. The outcome is to view border security and CT as a holistic process, underpinned by both academic research and practical experience."

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT & SEAPORT POLICE WORKSHOP



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SHAPING GROUND-BREAKING TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPORT END-USERS COUNTERING IDENTITY-FRAUD AT BORDERS

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL - 10.30AM-12.30PM

The **European Association Airport & Seaport Police** is one of the 23 parties involved in the EU-funded project **SafeTravellers**, which started January this year and will last for three years. It aims to produce a near-operational system at TRL7 or above. SafeTravellers is focused on:

- a) strengthening border security,
- b) improving the productivity of the Border Authorities by providing them with the appropriate tools to perform trustworthy identity management, combat identity fraud at the hardware, identity, and travel document, and biometrics levels, while
- c) offering a frictionless border crossing experience for EU and Third Country Nationals (TCN) citizens, eliminating the need for stops at border checkpoints.

This workshop is part of the requirements definition phase of the project, and practitioners are particularly welcome to contribute their operational preferences for an enhanced border system. The team will also share the emerging Use Cases that are being developed and ask for comments from the operational and technical communities.

SafeTravellers proposes both a new way of citizen identification based on multiple

biometrics, instead of the problematic identity document, and an enhancement of the current identity verification at borders through a set of tools that will detect attacks at the biometric hardware, identity and travel document fraud, and attempts to falsify biometrics.

The proposed solution must meet ethical requirements, has to be GDPR compliant, and introduces various privacy-preserving mechanisms to safeguard citizens' biometrics through homomorphic encryption. Through the one-of-its-kind distributed European Multi-Biometric Data Space offered by SafeTravellers, each Member State will keep the personal data of its country nationals within its jurisdiction while allowing cross-border identity checks without transferring or revealing any biometric data.

The role of the EAASP is leading in the coordination of four pilots containing use cases, with preparations already in full swing. We are looking for debate on the technical and (future) operational aspects of the pilots. The benefit for the workshop attendees is to gain deeper insight of the efforts, goals and outcomes of the project and benefiting from the final solution.

Join this workshop and help shape the future of the SaveTraveller programme.

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