

# Home Affairs Ministers Discuss European Police Partnership



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## News

At their video conference on 8 October 2020, the Home Affairs Ministers of the EU Member States continued discussions on a new European Police Partnership. They agreed that the existing security architecture should be improved in the following three areas:

- Applying new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, to make better use of the growing flow of data;
- Reinforcing operational cooperation between police forces by consolidating the police cooperation *acquis* and making sure that police officers easily know which cooperation tools are available to them;
- Building an active, efficient partnership with third countries, while adhering to EU values.

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The discussion follows the views initially exchanged at the informal videoconference of Home Affairs Ministers in July 2020 (→ [eucrim 2/2020, 79](#)). The development of a strategic European Police Partnership aims at bringing new impetus to police cooperation at the EU level. (TW)

In parallel, the European Commission [launched an initiative](#) on a new legal EU framework for cross-border police cooperation. Under the Security Union strategy, the aim is to establish a modern, single legal text that streamlines and consolidates the existing, partly fragmented framework. The underlying Inception Impact Assessment lists a number of topics that should be integrated into a future “Police Cooperation Code.” As a first step, the Commission gathered feedback for its ideas.

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