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CONGRESS GUIDE AND INVITATION TO ATTEND

Your guide to the Preliminary Congress Programme and event information

The 2025 World Border Security Congress will be held on 25th-27th March 2025.

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 the beautiful city of Madrid, Spain, on 25th-27th March 2025 for a stimulating and essential gathering of international border and migration management professionals.

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Dear Colleague,

Patrolling the Periphery - Developing Border Strategies Through Co-operation and Technology

On behalf of the Organising Committee you are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 2025 World Border Security Congress in Madrid, Spain on 25th-27th March 2025, co-hosted and supported by the Ministry of Interior of Spain, Guardia Civil and National Police.

The on-going challenges of cross border organised crime, conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine and broader transnational threats, have certainly highlighted the need for more secure border management, the sharing of intelligence and information exchange and international co-operation in dealing with cross-border issues. Whether these be from a global pandemic, to international smuggling, trafficking and terrorist organisations, the border management community has a much broader responsibility.

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), African Young People Support Center, De La Colina Charity Foundation, World Border Security Network and International Association of CIP Professionals*. This is the premier multi-jurisdictional global platform where the border protection policy-makers, management and practitioners convene together with security industry professionals, 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.

The congress offers the opportunity to confront issues, challenges and solutions in the face of the current global migration crisis, enhancing human mobility, facilitating universally smart and secure border systems, as well as global pandemics, crucial in the global community for achieving a safer more secure world.

It must be the aim of every border management agency to continuously improve and evolve to meet the challenges of future by fully embracing technology and taking every opportunity to meet, share and co-operate!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee you are cordially invited to Madrid, Spain on 25th-27th March 2025 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





Spain's vast coastline and strategic location between Africa and Europe present unique challenges for the National Police and Guardia Civil.

Spain faces a constant influx of migrants seeking a better life in Europe. The Canary Islands and the enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, bordering Morocco, are popular entry points. Patrolling these vast stretches, especially maritime borders, requires significant resources.

Spain is also a key entry point for hashish from Morocco and cocaine from South America destined for other European countries. The decentralized nature of trafficking groups makes it difficult to infiltrate and dismantle them.

The country, and region's, border security landscape is constantly evolving. By addressing these challenges through international collaboration, innovative technologies, and strategic resource allocation, the international border security community can strive towards a more secure future.

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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The World Border Security Congress is a high level 3 day event that will discuss and debate current and future policies, implementation issues and challenges as well as new and developing technologies that contribute towards safe and secure border and migration management.

You are cordially invited to attend the World Border Security Congress in Madrid, Spain on 25th-27th March 2025 for the next gathering of international border security, protection and migration management professionals.

Why Attend

The 2025 World Border Security Congress will bring together the world's senior policy makers, practitioners and players, in Madrid, Spain in March 2025, 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

CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

8:30am - 12:30pm	Site Visits
9:30am - 12:30pm	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 - Trends in Drugs, Trafficking, SOC and Terrorism – impact across continents
7:00pm	Welcome Reception (Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - Trends in Irregular and Mass Migration and THB
9:00am-10:30am	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
9:30am - 7:30pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - The Impact Border Security and Management Can Have on Environmental Sustainability
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Inter-Agency Cooperation and Collaboration
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Maritime and Big Rivers
2:00pm-3:30pm	TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
4:15pm - 5:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Emerging Trends in Technology at the Border (Government Perspectives)
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Modus Operandi (Drugs and contraband)
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Networking Reception in the Exhibition Hall

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

9:00am - 10:30am	PLENARY - OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) at the Border
9:00am - 10:30am	Guardia Civil Workshop
9.30am - 4.30pm	Exhibition Open
10:30am - 11:15am	Networking Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
11:15am - 12:30pm	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - Capacity Building and Training
	CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - Modus Operandi (Human Trafficking)
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	PLENARY - Identity Management
4:00pm	World Border Security Congress Round Up and Close

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Tues 25th March	1.00pm to 5.30pm
Weds 26th March	9.30am to 7.30pm
Thurs 27th April	9.30am to 4.30pm

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Tues 25th March	12.00pm to 5.00pm
Weds 26th March	8.30am to 6.30pm
Thurs 27th March	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 10th March 2025) 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 **10th March 2025**.

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

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 10th March 2025

For Commercial, Industry and Other Organizations, register yourself and your colleagues as conference delegates by 10th March 2025 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:

Wednesday 26th March 2025 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

Inter-Agency Cooperation and Collaboration

Moderator: TBC

It is widely acknowledged that interagency cooperation is the key to the effective border management, facilitating the movement of goods and people whilst simultaneously preventing bad actors from travelling and interdicting the movement of illicit goods. But what can be in practical terms on the ground to increase communication, share actionable intelligence and best practise.

Wednesday 26th March 2025 - 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Modus Operandi (Drugs and contraband)

Moderator: EAASP

In the spirit of interagency cooperation this workshop will facilitate the sharing of on the ground experience, real life case studies and share actionable intelligence on the movement of drugs, illicit goods, illegal waste, heritage goods, wildlife trafficking and modus operandi used to enable these trades.

Thursday 27th March 2025 - 11.15am - 12.30pm

Modus Operandi (Human Trafficking)

Moderator: Spanish National Police

In the spirit of interagency cooperation this workshop will facilitate the sharing of on the ground experience, real life case studies and share actionable intelligence on the movement of trafficked human beings via planes, boats and vehicles and the various methods by which the traffickers enable this movement.

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

1:30pm - 3:30pm

MINISTERIAL OPENING KEYNOTE AND WELCOME

Fernando Grande-Marlaska, Minister of the Interior, Spain*

Senior Representative, Spanish National Police

Senior Representative, Spanish Guardia Civil

Hans Liejten, Executive Director, European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)

Maria Jesus Herrera, Head of Mission, IOM Spain

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

Tofiq Murshudlu, Head of Coordination, Border Management Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Willem Mudde, Vice President - Aviation, European Association of Airport & Seaport Police (EAASP)

4:00pm - 5:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - TRENDS IN DRUGS, TRAFFICKING, SOC AND TERRORISM – IMPACT ACROSS CONTINENTS

Drugs on the streets seems to be the insoluble societal problem of our age. It destroys lives and permeates every part of society. It makes law breakers of otherwise law-abiding citizens and through their dealers puts them in direct contact with the criminal underbelly of society. Drugs are the invisible glue that connects organised crime with terrorists, with the city slicker that likes to 'do a line' and with the student on campus, just starting out on their life story. Along the way it corrupts officials and politicians, and sucks billions out of the economies of every country it touches. Terrorists gain an unlimited source of revenue and expertise in illicit transfer and laundering of proceeds from illicit transactions. In this session we will look at any new trends in drug trafficking and look to share any new policy developments and measures that have been successful in countering this evil trade.

Senior Representative, National Police, Portugal

Senior Representative, UNODC

Countering, Detecting, and Identifying Illicit Financial and Trade Flows: Methods, Practices, and Interrelationships - Rossitza (Rosie) Petrov, Advisor, Export Control and Related Border Security, U.S. Department of State

Combating the Cross-Border Smuggling of Fentanyl and Synthetic Opioids in West Africa: A New Strategy for Regional Security - Babatunde Olomu (Ph.D.), Comptroller of Customs & Sadiq Misbau Murtala, Superintendent of Customs, Nigeria Customs Service

Ghana's National Border Security Strategy and Counter Terrorism - Ibrahim Imam Haafiz, National Imam/ Dept Head Religious Affairs Unit, Ghana Immigration Service

7:00pm - 9:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION (INVITATION ONLY)

*invited

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - TRENDS IN IRREGULAR AND MASS MIGRATION AND THB

According to UNHCR figures by May 2024, more than 120 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. This includes 43.4 million refugees, 63.3 million internally displaced people, 6.9 million asylum seekers and 5.8 million people in need of international protection. But it is not just conflict and persecution that drives migration. Economic and educational opportunities are also major drivers and, in the years to come, climate change will play an increasing role in setting people on the move. Human traffickers exploit these people at their most vulnerable to extort money and drive migrants into slave labour and the sex trade. Whether it is conflicts, natural disasters or economics, the flow of migrants from poor southern countries to rich northern ones is probably only going to increase. So, what are current trends in migration and what further can be done to tackle those bad actors that are ready to exploit these people when they are at their most vulnerable.

Human trafficking: offshore protection and prevention in the UK - Amanda Read, National Lead, Safeguarding & Modern Slavery, Border Force

From Legal to Illegal: Exploring Migration Dynamics and Readmission Policies in the Western Balkans

- Vesna Tasevska-Dudeska, Foreigners and Readmission Unit - Department for Border Affairs and Migration - Ministry of the Interior, North Macedonia

Human Struggling and Trafficking - Henry Kumah, Inspector, Ghana Immigration Service

Challenges and Strategies in Securing Nigeria's Border Against Drugs and Human Trafficking - Francisco Chidi George-Okoli, Director of Programs, West Africa Action Network on Small Arms (WAANSA) Nigeria

Baptiste Amieux, Global Thematic Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Leveraging Digital Forensics to Combat Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking - Ed Dolman, SVP & Head of EMEA, Cellebrite & Matt Parker, The Exodus Road's International Advisory Board member

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

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

The Challenge of Detecting New Synthetic Threats: from Fentanyl to Nitazenes - Jeremy Van Auker, Field Forensic Application Scientist, 908 Devices

Open-Source Intelligence: Using Technology and Data to Help Stem the Tide in the "Borderless" Battle Against Drug Trafficking - Peter De Bie, Senior Solutions Engineer, Babel Street

Form follows function – Using Biometric in modern border control - Hof Retief, COO, BioRugged

AI-Enhanced Mobile Surveillance Systems: Advancing Situational Awareness for Efficient Border Control - Martin Lits, Defence Research Programs Lead, DefSecIntel Solutions

European Entry/Exit System: lessons learned and way forward - Nicolas Phan, Head of Market Development, IDEMIA

Shifting the paradigm: building traveler-centric border security solutions - Ygor Lutz, Chief Revenue and Partnership Officer, Travizory Border Security

How Can Border Agencies Enhance Security and Improve Results Under Resource Constraints? - Aurelien Guilbert, Vice President, Cargo Inspection Systems, Smiths Detection

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

BREAKOUT WORKSHOP - THE IMPACT BORDER SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT CAN HAVE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Industrial waste typically has a negative value – it costs businesses money to treat it in a way that is safe and does not harm the environment. Costs include treatment, technology and labour costs in line with national laws and environmental regulations. There is therefore an incentive for companies wishing to avoid these costs to export the waste to other countries with less strict environmental standards, or to illegally dump and dispose of such waste. Source: <https://baselgovernance.org/> Illegal trafficking of wildlife one of the most profitable natural resource crimes. It involves the illegal harvesting, trapping or killing of many endangered species of animals or plants for sale to be used as medicine, food, or sold as pets. Whether it is the trafficking in endangered wildlife or the illegal international trade in waste materials, much of it dangerous, border agencies are in the front line in helping to protect the environment.

Enhancing the Role of the Nigeria Customs Service in Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade: Challenges and Strategic Imperatives - Sanusi, Saulawa, Nigeria Customs Service

CCP Waste Trafficking – Senior Representative, UNODC

Combat Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in Global Supply Chains - Damian Viccars, Director of Government Affairs, Europe, World Shipping Council

TBC

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

Moderator: TBC

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INA Assistant Commissioner James Collins, US Customs & Border Protection

Development of multi-agency intelligence cell used for national Border operation - Jordan Watkins, Counter Terrorism Border Operations Centre, CTPHQ, UK

Brigadier General Salvatore Russo, Italian Economic and Financial Police

Senior Representative, Spanish National Police

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - MARITIME AND BIG RIVERS

Rivers create a particular set of problems for border management. Rivers can flow hundreds and thousands of kilometres from the ocean into national territories. Indeed, rivers make up 23 percent of all international borders. South America has the largest number of international borders made up by rivers—nearly half. Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Suriname, Guyana, French, Guiana, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. On the Indian subcontinent the rivers Ganga, Brahmaputra and Indus are shared with neighbouring countries, India Nepal, Bhutan, China, Bangladesh and Pakistan. As an example of the complexity the Danube can be navigated by ocean going vessels from the Black Sea 2,400 km into the very heart of Europe, passing through or making up part of the border of ten of those countries. So, how do you manage the intersection of rivers, seas and oceans and the multi-national and multi-jurisdictional complexity of this most challenging of border domains.

DG Paramesh Sivamani, Director General, Indian Coast Guard

Robert Patrimonio, Commander, Coast Guard Maritime Security Law Enforcement Command, Philippines Coast Guard

Advancing Maritime Border Security through an Ecosystem Approach - Tharindu Jayawardhane, National Programme Officer, Immigration and Border Governance, International Organization for Migration, Sri Lanka

Customs and Trade Challenges for Border Security - Florence (Igbasi) Chidi Emmanuel, Superintendent of Customs, Nigeria Customs Service

Executive Director, European Marine Safety Agency (EMSA)*

Operation Commander, EURONAVFORMED*

Applying layered surveillance to deliver next-generation maritime domain awareness and provide resilience along extended maritime borders - Captain Ian Clarke Royal Navy (Retired), Director Business Development, Sirius Insight, UK

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

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

Anthony Nwachukwu, Executive Director, Networks Solution and Investment Limited, Nigeria

Is it possible to enhance the protection and management of extended land borders? What are the solutions? - Dmitrii Egorov, Business Development Director, Sens-Ör Solutions Kft

Human Presence Detection Systems - Professor Steve Daley, CEO, Clantect

Fortifying Frontiers: Enhancing Security Across Land and Sea Borders - Senior Representative, Thales

Border Surveillance at Scale - Dimitrios Kottas, CEO, Delian Alliance Industries

Remote Entry Exit System (EES) - Learning from Pilot - Jim Slevin, Inverid

4:15PM - 5:30PM

WORKSHOPS

BREAKOUT SESSION - EMERGING TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY AT THE BORDER (GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES)

All around the world, governments are looking for that next step in technology that will change the border security paradigm, such as stand-off explosive and drug detection or big data analytics. Some technologies are still on the wish list, but some are now very much on the 'to do' list! One of the biggest drivers in border security going forward will be advent and application of AI, whether it is in enhancing the performance of or automating existing systems, or in analysing terabytes of data. But what systems are on the border security wish list and what work is being done in turning those wishes into reality.

Science Lab / Synthetic Drugs – EAC Casey Durst, Executive Assistant Commissioner, US Customs & Border Protection

EU initiatives on countering potential threats posed by drones - Bartel Meersman, European Commission

The METEOR Project. Enhancing Border Security with Innovative Cargo Screening Technology (EU Horizon Project) - José Pérez Alcaraz, Head of Programmes and Innovation for Coastal and Border Surveillance, Guardia Civil

Senior Representative, National Police, Spain

Derek Saunders, Head of Research and Innovation Unit, Frontex*

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - MODUS OPERANDI (DRUGS AND CONTRABAND)

Moderator: Willem Mudde, Vice President - Aviation, EAASP

In the spirit of interagency cooperation this workshop will facilitate the sharing of on the ground experience, real life case studies and share actionable intelligence on the movement of drugs, illicit goods, illegal waste, heritage goods, wildlife trafficking and modus operandi used to enable these trades.

LSS Assistant Commissioner Dave Fluty, US Customs & Border Protection

LTC Fernando Sanchez Magdalena, Head of Border and Customs Police Unit-Madrid Region, Guardia Civil, Spain

Senior Representative, UNODC*

Senior Representative, Frontex*

Senior Representative, INTERPOL*



THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

9:00am - 10:30am

PLENARY SESSION - OSINT (OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE) AT THE BORDER

How do we disrupt or prevent travel of bad actors? Information sharing between some governments is good, but any gaps will be exploited. Interpol and ICAO are starting to provide greater access to what were previously government access only systems. But is there a role for non-government actors, including industry, to deter or prevent travel of criminals, victims of modern slavery, traffickers and terrorists. The use of OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) is not new and has been used by the military and national intelligence agencies for many years, but advances in AI, communications technology and the growth in the use of social media and communications apps, means that publicly available data can not only help border law enforcement begin to map out and identify linkages in the wider criminal networks behind smuggling and trafficking. But it can also now provide actionable insights to border agents in real time. How can border and intelligence agencies and their partners in industry cooperate in delivering optimum results from OSINT.

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

Stephen Maloney, Executive Director, National Targeting Center, US Customs & Border Protection

Andy Smith, Director, Government & Industry Relations, SITA

The Digital Transformation of Human Trafficking (2015-2024). Changes in modus operandi of THB cells -
Dr Miguel Oliveros Mediavilla and María de Benitos, Universidad Antonio de Nebrija

TBC

9.00AM - 10.30AM

GUARDIA CIVIL WORKSHOP - AGENCY ONLY

The importance of the Joint Training at the International Border Management. Perspective of the G4 Initiative, made up of the French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish Gendarmerie Forces

Moderated by: Senior Representative, Guardia Civil

Joint training as an area to be considered in the future of international border management for the exchange of knowledge and the construction of common strategies. The G4 Initiative was launched by the Gendarmerie Forces of France, Italy, Portugal and Spain and seeks to strengthen operational cooperation and joint training in border and international security, focusing this model on the development of common capabilities, interoperability and the exchange of experiences to address transnational challenges. The workshop is proposed to focus on describing the aforementioned model in basic G-4 joint training, and its possible replication with international actors and agencies involved in border security. In addition to reflect on how to strengthen trust and mutual understanding between different agencies through joint training.

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

BREAKOUT SESSION - CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

Any organisation, whatever is field of operation, is only as good as its staff. And investment in that human capital is one of the most valuable activities that any organisation can participate in. Training promotes the ethics and ideals of the organisation as well as well as improving the skills and knowledge to develop sound border and security management skills based on best practice. As border agencies invest in increasingly sophisticated technology, agency staff will increasingly have to master new skills and ever-changing technical and operational skills. So, how do you develop goals for your training program and the success metrics to measure how effective that training program is?

Enhancing Border Security Amidst Resource Constraints: Strategies for Improved Results - Elias Jaromo, Foreign Service Officer, Papua New Guinea Department of Foreign Affairs

Programme Management Officer, UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel)*

Dragica Vucinic, Border Management Advise, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Sara Prew, Senior Aviation Security Consultant, Arup

CLOSED AGENCY WORKSHOP - MODUS OPERANDI (HUMAN TRAFFICKING)

In the spirit of interagency cooperation this workshop will facilitate the sharing of on the ground experience, real life case studies and share actionable intelligence on the movement of trafficked human beings via planes , boats and vehicles and the various methods by which the traffickers enable this movement.

Moderator: Senior Representative, National Police, Spain

Senior Representative, Spanish National Police

Andria Kenney, Senior Specialist, Humanitarian Border Management, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Senior Representative, Frontex*

Senior Representative, EUROPOL*



2:00pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY SESSION - IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

Identity Verification is self-evidently the key to effective border management. For all border agencies, verify each person's identity against government databases determines whether an individual is welcome into a country or not. Morphed photo: Use of a morphed image in a genuine document, allowing two individuals to share the same passport. Counterfeit: The complete fake reproduction of a genuine document made with non-genuine materials or using parts of genuine documents. How do we accurately verify documents using the tools available such as biometrics and digital signatures, encryption and watermarking.

The Paradox of Technological Advancement in Travel: Increased Complexity Despite Innovations in Biometrics and E-Visas - Paul Igbinere, Executive Director, African Young People Support Centre

How to improve the identification of migrant victims of trafficking? - Milan Aleksić, Policy Analyst, NGO Atina

"On the Move" Biometrics Technology and Other Innovation in Travel - Ray E. Provencio, (A)Executive Director - Admissibility and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Passenger Information Units (PIU-s) as an important actor in global security - Samir Krasniqi, National Centre for Border Management Coordinator, Ministry of International Affairs, Kosovo

Newly Established Passenger Information Unit (PIU) of Mongolia - Enkhtur Adiyajav, Passenger Information Unit, Mongolia

The Future of Biometrics - Hans De Moel, Director, Biometrics Institute

3:30pm - 4:00PM CONGRESS ROUND UP AND CLOSE

*invited



SITE VISITS



SITE VISITS TO MADRID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; OR CECORVIGMAR NATIONAL MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AND COORDINATION CENTER

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH – 8.30AM-12.30PM

MADRID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport is a major international hub serving Madrid, Spain. In 2023, it handled over 60 million passengers, making it one of Europe's busiest airports. With a vast network of over 390 routes, it connects Spain to numerous domestic and international destinations.

Significant investments have been made to modernize the airport's infrastructure and enhance passenger experience. These investments have focused on expanding terminal facilities, improving baggage handling systems, and upgrading security checkpoints.

Madrid-Barajas plays a crucial role in Spain's global connectivity, serving as a gateway to Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Its strategic location and efficient operations make it a preferred choice for travelers and airlines alike.

With the co-operation of the Ministry of Interior and National Police, the World Border Security Congress is delighted to offer a guided site visit of the Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport for a limited number of delegates.

CECORVIGMAR NATIONAL MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AND COORDINATION CENTER



The CECORVIGMAR National Maritime Surveillance and Coordination Center in Madrid plays a crucial role in monitoring and managing the security of the maritime borders of Spain and the wider Southern Europe/Mediterranean coast. It functions as a central hub for information exchange and coordination between various national authorities responsible for border surveillance, such as the Civil Guard, the Maritime Safety Agency, and Customs.

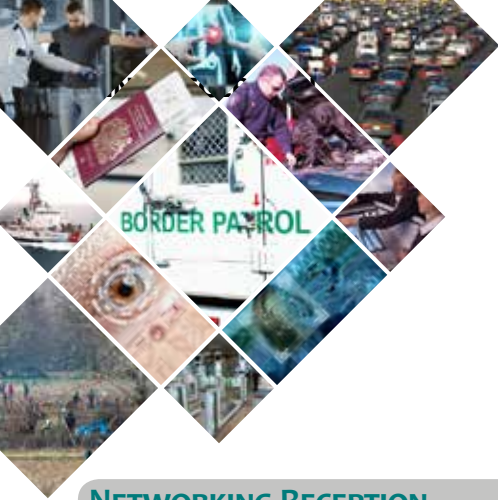
The center monitors a wide range of activities, including illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and other cross-border crimes. It utilizes advanced technology and surveillance systems to track maritime and land borders, analyze data, and detect potential threats. By sharing information with other Member States and, through the NCC, with other National coordination centers and Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the center contributes to a comprehensive European border surveillance system.

With the co-operation of the Ministry of Interior and Guardia Civil, the World Border Security Congress is delighted to offer a guided site visit of the National Maritime Surveillance and Coordination Center for a limited number of delegates.

For further details and book your place visit www.world-border-congress.com/site-visit

Spaces are limited so ensure you book your place on the site tour early.

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NETWORKING RECEPTION

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Wednesday 26th March
5.30pm - 7:30pm
Exhibition Floor

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We invite you to join us at the end of the Wednesday 26th March for the World Border Security Congress Networking Reception in the exhibition area at the Eurostars Madrid Towers Hotel, 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.



AFRICAN YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT CENTRE / AFRICAN SMART CITIES INNOVATION FOUNDATION WORKSHOP



LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY, COOPERATION, AND HUMANITARIAN APPROACHES TO BORDER SECURITY IN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND NGOS

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH - 9.30AM-12.30PM

Organized by the African Young People Support Centre (AYPSC), De La Colina Charity and African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation, this session at the 2025 World Border Security Congress in Madrid will focus on a multi-faceted approach to border security in Africa. Africa faces significant border challenges, from irregular migration and human trafficking to terrorism and regional instability. These challenges demand innovative solutions that go beyond traditional border control. This 3-hour session will explore how leveraging technology, enhancing cross-border cooperation, and integrating humanitarian interventions can create a more secure and humane border environment.

The session will examine the role of modern technology in enhancing border security while safeguarding human rights. Tools such as artificial intelligence (AI), biometrics, drones, and digital surveillance have already demonstrated significant potential. For instance, AI-enabled facial recognition systems have successfully curtailed human trafficking networks along the Nigeria-Niger border. In North Africa, drone technology has been used effectively to monitor vast, remote desert areas where insurgents and traffickers operate. These technologies, when coupled with cooperation between African governments and international bodies, can lead to more secure borders.

Cooperation between governments, regional organizations, and NGOs is equally crucial. The African Union Border Program (AUBP) has been a model of how states can work together to address transnational issues like terrorism and cross-border crime. NGOs play an indispensable role in this ecosystem, particularly by addressing the humanitarian crises often linked to harsh border

enforcement. The African Young People Support Centre has been at the forefront of mitigating irregular migration through educational programs, providing legal aid, and offering psychosocial support to vulnerable populations, particularly youth. NGO work along the Central African migratory routes has been critical in offering alternatives to risky, irregular migration.

The humanitarian aspect is crucial, especially in light of increasing global attention on the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Organizations like Médecins Sans Frontières, in collaboration with regional NGOs, have provided critical healthcare and resources at key border points in Libya and Sudan. By incorporating humanitarian interventions, governments can ensure that border security does not come at the cost of human dignity.

In this Workshop, participants will gain insights into how technology, collaboration, and humanitarian approaches can be combined to create a more effective border security framework in Africa. The session will provide actionable strategies for stakeholders in government, international organizations, and NGOs, with the ultimate goal of creating secure and humane borders that protect both sovereignty and human rights.

Workshop Time

Tuesday 25th March 2025 : 9.30am – 12:30pm

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

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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT & SEAPORT POLICE (EAASP) WORKSHOP



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SAFETRAVELLERS PARTICIPATION

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH - 10.30AM-12.30PM

The SafeTravellers Horizon Europe project is developing new methods of enabling frictionless, secure and efficient crossing of EU borders. It is exploring options for developing Digital Travel Credentials (DTCs) in a European context together with sensor and other supporting technologies to make this possible, including privacy-preserving mechanisms to meet ethics and GDPR requirements. SafeTravellers is both proposing a new way of citizen identification based on multi-modal biometrics to address current issues with identity documents, as well as an enhancement of the current method of identity verification at the borders through novel mechanisms to detect identity & travel document fraud and attacks on biometric systems.

The European Association of Airport & Seaport Police (EAASP), one of the partners involved in the EU-funded project SafeTravellers, is leading this workshop.

The project aims to deliver a near operational system at Technology Readiness Level 7 or above. SafeTravellers aims to:

- a) Strengthen the security at the borders and supporting associated law enforcement identity investigation activities.
- b) Improve 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 level.

- c) Offer a frictionless border crossing experience for EU and Third Country Nationals (TCN) citizens so they will not have to stop when crossing the border checkpoints.

At a Workshop at the World Border Security Congress meeting in 2024, practitioners were given the opportunity to contribute their operational wishes for an enhanced border system as part of the requirements definition phase. The aim of the workshop in 2025 is to report progress on said requirements and present the outline plans for Pilot testing in Airport, Land Border, Rail and Maritime environments. Participants will be invited to refine the plans for the Pilots to make them as useful as possible to the wider Border Security community. The workshop will discuss opportunities for future engagement of participants in project demonstration activities in simulated operational environments.

The opportunity for participants is to identify issues of importance and thereby maximise their benefits from the final solution.

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

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