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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	15 September 2026
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcome of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 3554/1/26 REV 1.

2. Information provided by the Presidency

The Presidency provided information about the state of play of legislative proposals and presented the agenda for the upcoming Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting in October 2026. It mentioned the preparation of a joint ministerial declaration with the Latin American Committee on Internal Security (CLASI) and upcoming meetings with the United States of America and the Western Balkans.

Items for discussion

3. Increasing internal security by enhancing information exchange and leveraging technological developments

COSI and members of the Working Party on Schengen Matters, who joined the discussion on this item, provided input in preparation for an exchange of views at the Schengen Council in October 2026. Delegations confirmed the importance of the internal security component for a functioning Schengen area. To boost information exchange and operational cooperation, the main priority should be implementing the existing instruments and using them to their full potential. Delegations also underlined the importance of law enforcement training and high data quality. As for new technological solutions, delegations advocated making use of existing structures such as the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security to coordinate the development and uptake of technologies, and using the support provided by EU agencies. They also stressed the need to design innovative solutions tailored to end users and to shorten the time between research and implementation.

4. The impact of geopolitical developments on the EU's internal security: Ukraine

COSI prepared for the exchange of views planned for the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting. Delegations were aligned in their assessment of the threat and their support for the measures already undertaken to prevent the diversion of firearms and small arms and light weapons and to enhance border security. Regarding foreign fighters, delegations stressed the importance of the visa bans for Russian ex-combatants entering into force as soon as possible, based on the 21st package of sanctions against Russia. Delegations highlighted the growing number of unauthorised drone incursions into EU airspace and stressed the need for close cooperation among civilian, military and law enforcement bodies.

5. Public-private cooperation to disrupt drug trafficking via post and parcel services

COSI welcomed the creation of an EU-level forum to enhance public-private cooperation in disrupting drug trafficking via post and parcel services, offering guidance based on national best practices and suggesting that the forum's remit include firearms and explosives.

Items for information/endorsement

6. Regional dialogue on internal security with the Mediterranean region: meeting of senior officials on 11 November 2026

COSI took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the organisation of a meeting of senior officials in the framework of the regional dialogue on internal security with the Mediterranean region on 11 November 2026.

7. A common response to the threat posed by explosives precursors

COSI took note of the information provided by the Commission on the evaluation of the Regulation on the marketing and use of explosives precursors.

8. Draft report to the European Parliament and national parliaments on COSI's proceedings for the period January 2025 to June 2026

COSI endorsed the draft report to the European Parliament and national parliaments on COSI's proceedings for the period January 2025 to June 2026, as set out in 12602/26.

9. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group

COSI took note of the items concluded by the COSI Support Group, as set out in 12002/26.

10. AOB

- Sweden drew attention to the possible internal security implications of proposal COM(2025)553 to amend Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 as regards, *inter alia,* requirements for hemp.

- Germany announced a counter-terrorism/law enforcement workshop with a focus on left-wing extremism that will take place in Berlin on 9 and 10 November 2026.

- France stressed COSI's steering role, which should be taken into account by all Commission departments, and suggested organising COSI-PSC meetings.