

CONCLUSIONS OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE OLAF ANTI-FRAUD COMMUNICATORS NETWORK (OAFCN)

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First, Mr Butticé, reminded members to email him next week the number of DVDs and publications that they needed. He said that the DVDs were in all five main languages, so they did not need to specify the language. For books, he asked them to tell him which publication they wanted and how many they needed. He asked members to think about this carefully, as OLAF did want the publication to be disseminated as widely as possible and it was not a problem to print them.

Secondly, over the next two or three weeks Mr Butticé asked members to send to OLAF a text of between 1 and 6 pages about how their organisation worked – its structure, working methods, etc. He said they could send this information by e-mail, or alternatively they could post it on the CIRCA site if they had the technical know-how.

On the 31st May, Mr Butticé said that the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Fraud Prevention (Cocolaf) meeting would take place. He said that Mr Jones, Mr Bierl and Mr Schmitz would accompany him. He explained that they would have one and a half hours to present their results – 20 minutes would be taken up by the video and they would also introduce this publication. He said they would describe the network's activities to date.

For FAKE cooperation, Mr Butticé said that his unit would expect ideas as a result of brainstorming from members within the following fortnight: proposals for ideas, proposals relating to visual images members already had and were prepared to send us, as well as proposals for statements or issues, such as the point raised by Mr Cassar that day, whether local or regional in nature. He explained that OLAF would then draft the document.

He said there were six points to cover: contributions for extranet, filling the CIRCA page, contributions from member states and other contributions which would make the CIRCA site operational. He recapped that members would also send in further suggestions relating to the organisation of the seminar. He said they were thinking of Bulgaria, so this would provide an opportunity for everyone who had not already seen this beautiful country to see it. He said they would vote for the themes electronically, and Ms Germain would arrange this. Mr Butticé said that as far as the success stories were concerned, they had launched this at the last meeting and they had the Finnish Customs case, which would now be put on line. He asked members to continue to sending in these thematic files as they were useful sources of information for journalists. Mr Butticé said he thought these were the main points that had been gleaned from the discussion.

Mr Butticé thanked all members for their contributions to the discussion and for their constructive comments during the Round Table. He thanked the interpreters for their hard work. Mr Butticé said he wanted to especially thank Ms Sanchez Gracia as she had been the driving force behind the Network for some time, and he had a sad announcement to make: Ms Sanchez Gracia was moving on, she was progressing in her career. He said that she had decided to go to the Translation Service to be a translator. He thanked on behalf of the Network, as he thought that this was the last meeting that she would be organizing and taking part in. Mr Butticé said that they would be taking a group photo which Mr Jones was organising.

Mr Jones said he was also very sad to see Ms Sanchez Gracia leave and thanked her for her help over the years. He said that the **group photograph** was used by OLAF for publications and on the website.