



Message from DG HOME

While apologizing for not being present in person, DG HOME as financing body of the ERNCIP project, would like to welcome this opportunity for ERNCIP stakeholders' community to take part in this debate on the achievement done so far in ERNCIP and its future perspectives.

DG HOME recognizes the need to strengthen EU's CIP-related experimental and testing capabilities while improving the overall protection of critical infrastructures in the EU and is pleased to note the efforts done so far - by the JRC and all the actors involved in the different thematic areas etc.

DG HOME has closely followed the progress made up until now, as the ERNCIP project has already reached its third operational year. We have also been presented with the ERNCIP Strategic goals and a long-term planning which goes beyond 2014 and are currently reflecting on how we would envisage a continuation of ERNCIP and its activities in the coming years.

The proposed way forward for ERNCIP with ideas for efficient security and resilience test methodologies, a platform for European CIP-related Labs, a "gap indication radar", etc seem to be able to contribute to the present policies in the CIP field,

We would however wish to see an even clearer focus of ERNCIP on security aspects, which are key to DG HOME, and as support to our security policy concerns and needs - now and in the future.

While expressing our support towards the overall strategy and the measures proposed, DG HOME would also encourage putting more focus on concrete actions that could bring a further EU added value to the work in increasing the security, protection and resilience of our critical infrastructures in Europe.

A close cooperation with existing networks and bodies is also necessary in order to join efforts in finding better solutions and avoiding possible overlaps and duplication of work.

With these introductory words from DG HOME, we very much look forward to hearing also your views as operators and CIP stakeholders and to receive your feedback during this conference on the achievement done in ERNCIP and on the way forward.