

Network for Police and  
Border Guard units at EU airports

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# This presentation:

## Airpol as a developing network - The noble art of co-operation

- Information on Airpol
- How Airpol defines the security threats to the airport environment
- Mitigation strategies



### Airpol scope

- Aviation Security
- Airport Policing
- Air Border Security



### Main mission

- Further develop the co-operation between Police and Border guard units at EU airports.
- Raise the general level of competence in priority areas (answering to defined threats).

26 EU MS take part in the Airpol Network. Cooperation also with countries outside the EU; NO, CH, IL, US, CA etc.



# Security threats to the Airport Community

- Terrorist attacks (suicide bomber, active shooter, bomb threat etc.)
- Insiders (malicious - non malicious intent)
  - Other threats (sabotage, low level crime, green laser etc.)
  - Cyber attacks
  - Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)
  - Returning foreign fighters



# Security layers

- Law enforcement personnel
- Security personnel
- Intelligence
- Well defined regulations/procedures
- Collaboration - The airport community
  - nationally- internationally - between airports
- Security Awareness, including all staff at the Airport
- Effective vetting new staff /Repeated/ badge management
- Behaviour detection
- Checkpoint controls, access control- different zones
- Border protection measures
- Id /passport control
- Travel document checks
- Passenger control, crew control
- Baggage checks

# Airpol expert groups

- Securing the Airport Community
- Insider Threat /Radicalization
- International AVSEC Police Group
- Intelligence / Information Sharing
- Behaviour Detection
- Exercise/Security
- Technology



# Work strategy

- Common picture of the threat landscape.
- Develop security layers.
- Not allow any holes in the security net.
- Synchronize and sometimes adapt work methods between countries/ organizations.
- Reach out to countries/destinations outside the EU
- Trust





# Securing the airport community expert group

A holistic approach on all possible security issues related to the airport community - not just policing.

- Prevention - Reactive measures
- Checklists

BE, BG, ES, DK, FI, FR, HU, IT, LU, NL, PT, SE and UK)  
Airport Police Commanders - on-scene Police Commanders

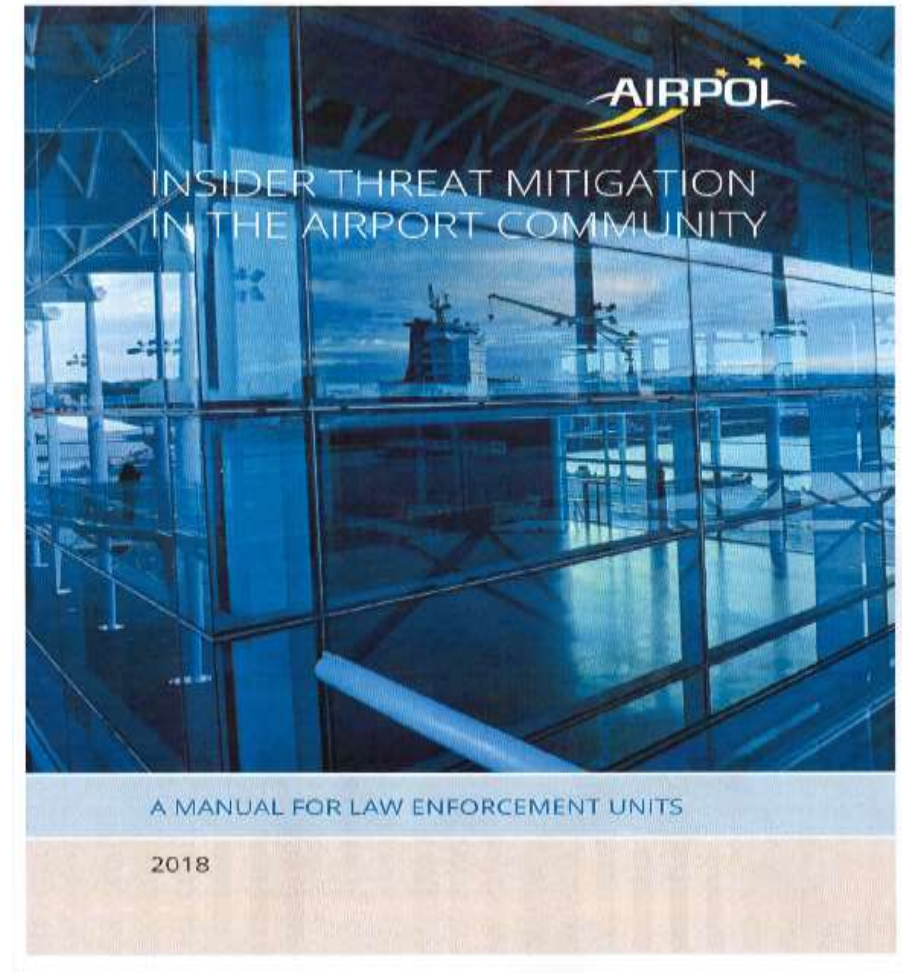
El Al Security, FBI, TSA, CPNI, Bomb experts, EU EDD group



# Insider /radicalization expert group

- Airpol manual on Insider threat mitigation
- Joint Insider conference Airpol-ACI Europe
- Training sessions level I and II.
- Badge management policy

MS: SE, NL, BE, ES, DK, FR, PT, IE, HU, UK, RO,  
TSA, FBI, NO, Glasgow Caledonian University



# Intelligence group

## Developing information exchange

- between airports - everyday information - modus operandi - not individuals.
- between the actors within each airport community
- information sharing in each MS central- regional - local level

MS: NL, BE, BG, CY, DK, ES, FI, IT, RO, SE, UK and Frontex. Europol has taken part in some of the meetings.



# Behaviour detection expert group

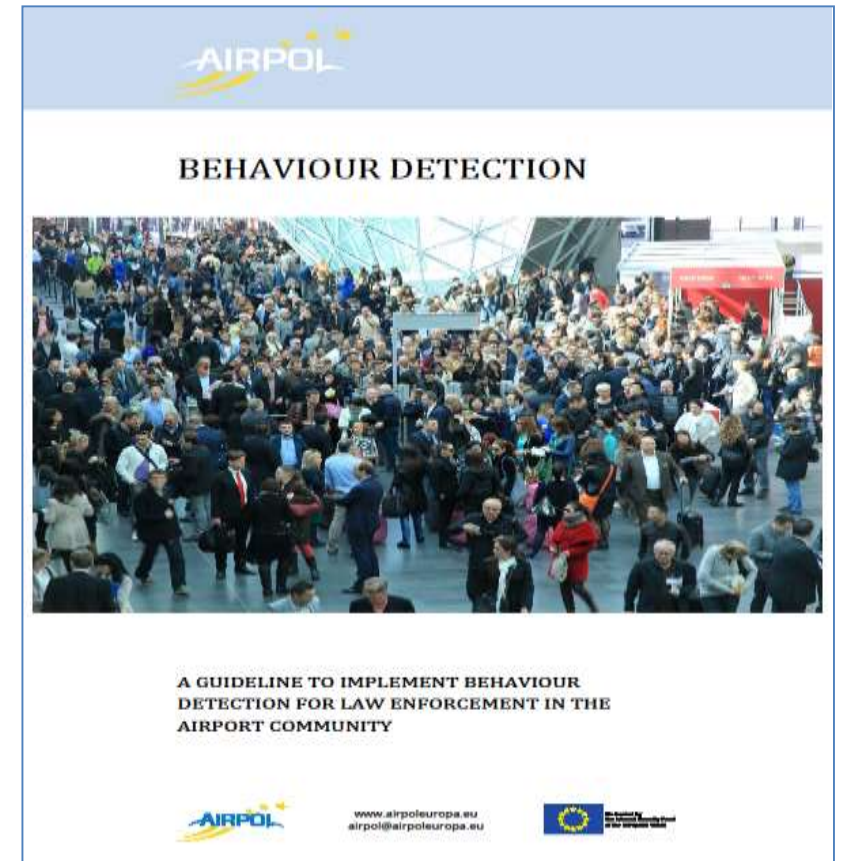
- Conference on behaviour detection in 2017, 60 participants EU, US, IL
- Airpol Behaviour detection guideline
- Training sessions, level I and II
- A third level, a field oriented training 2019
- More countries implementing BD

MS: FR, BE, BG, CY, ES, HU, IE, LU, NL, PT, PL, SE and UK.  
FBI, TSA and El Al security (IL)



# Airpol Behaviour detection guideline (2019)

- A technique to observe, detect and handle irregular or unwanted behaviour
- A proactive layer added to the general security concept
- Vulnerable infrastructures, soft/hard targets /borders
- A formal framework required (procedures, selection, training, evaluation etc.)



## Airpol Behaviour detection guideline(2019)

- Indicators of behaviour instead of e.g. ethnic origin
- Lower impact interview - instead of arrest
- More time to act - early detection
- Creates a choice between different strategies - intervene, leave, arrest etc.



# Airpol Behaviour detection guideline (2019)

BD procedure, four steps defined in a handbook for the organisation/workplace (in this case an airport or a specific terminal)

- The baseline
- The observation
- The interview
- The follow up



# Outcome of Airpol work

30 activities in 15 countries arranged by Airpol 2018.

Participants from 32 countries, over 600 participants in total.

- Manuals/guidelines
- Training sessions
- Expert seminars/ conferences/ exercises
- Training video, dealing with a terrorist attack on an airport (release 2019)
- Operations





# Cooperation partners

ACI Europe, Europol, Frontex, CEPOL, Eurocontrol, Interpol,

Railpol, Aquapol, Tispol, ECAC, OSCE, AIRCOP, Atlas, ENLETS, EU EDD, ALEAN,

TSA, FBI, CPNI, Interportpolice, Pompidou Group, EUBAM, IATA, EAASP, WCO,

Carnegie Mellon University US, Maynooth University IE, Glasgow Caledonian University UK,

26 EU MS, other European countries, USA, CA, IL, AU, MA, TR

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- Information about Airpol.
- The work is focused on enhancing co-operation and developing work methods by gathering experts on different topics.
- Co-operation by understanding, common picture, sharing information, synchronizing and adapting work methods.



- Expert groups
  - Training session
  - Conferences/seminars
  - Handbooks/manuals

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