

<b>Meeting:</b>	Informal meeting of the Heads of JHA agencies		
<b>Date:</b>	9 July 2020	<b>Time:</b>	10.30-12.00
<b>Location:</b>	Video Conferencing, Capella		
<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19 impact on the work of the JHA agencies		
<b>Participants:</b>	Heads of JHA agencies, Contact points of the JHAAN, Observers COM, EEAS and EP		

	Item	Speaker	Main outcome
1.	Introduction	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set-up of the meeting: Two sessions with a tour de table focussed on agencies experiences in COVID-19 pandemic, lessons learned, expected longer-term impact and on the future opportunities for joint initiatives.</li> <li>Formal endorsement of the joint paper COVID-19 Response, capturing main achievements and outlining what we have done and how we cooperate.</li> </ul>
2.	COVID-19: experiences so far	Tour the Table	<p>All agencies reported on their experiences. Summarized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We all faced organisational and operational challenges but ensured <b>business continuity</b>;</li> <li>We continued to operate in <b>online environments</b>;</li> <li>We moved to <b>teleworking and paperless workflows</b> with even some increased efficiency;</li> <li>We activated <b>contingency plans</b> and called for internal structures, such as <b>taskforces</b>, to monitor the situation;</li> <li>We produced <b>new products on the impact of COVID-19</b> and conducted <b>analysis</b> to assist the MSs and EU institutions in dealing with the challenges caused by the crisis, each agency within their respective mandates;</li> <li>We noticed an increase in <b>domestic violence</b>, a real issue during this time, with an immediate response from the agencies to help the MSs (joint statement);</li> <li>We saw increasing incidents of <b>racism and xenophobia</b> and <b>exacerbated inequalities</b> for some of the most vulnerable groups, such as Roma, older people, persons with disabilities, asylum seekers and migrants; COVID-19 pandemic has impacted various fundamental rights, while posing an unprecedented collective challenge to the right to life and to the right to health;</li> <li><b>Criminal groups profit</b> from the new situation calling for the agencies to launch prevention campaigns, to conduct analysis, to deliver trainings and to support law enforcement and judicial authorities in their investigations and prosecutions;</li> <li>We remained committed to <b>ensure justice, respecting fully human and fundamental rights, security and public health</b>;</li> <li>We moved quickly towards offering <b>online trainings</b> with some advantages;</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also <b>opportunities</b>, which we will take as lessons learnt in future activities and dialogues with the Commission, particularly teleworking and digitalisation;</li> <li>• <b>Digitalisation is a way forward</b> and we should address the topic at our next meeting;</li> <li>• We rely on the new MFF for adequate resources and integrated flexibility.</li> </ul>
3.	COVID-19: joint outlook	Tour the Table	<p>All agencies shared their views on common areas of interest and possible joint activities. Summarized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common interest what <b>technology, innovation and digitalisation</b> concerns;</li> <li>• Consider <b>common crisis response</b>, including coordinated security measures;</li> <li>• Strengthen cooperation to mainstream <b>human rights and fundamental rights</b> in our work;</li> <li>• Enhance <b>capacity building and joint analytical work</b>, also in view of the economic crisis in EU;</li> <li>• <b>Improve business continuity plans and resilience</b> of our organisations;</li> <li>• More <b>joint procurement</b> initiatives;</li> <li>• Exchange on <b>teleworking</b> policies.</li> </ul>
4.	Concluding remarks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This network/platform should explore these ideas in upcoming months and discuss already digitalisation at the annual meeting in November;</li> <li>• In 2020, the JHA network celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary;</li> <li>• A draft joint news item will be circulated after this meeting with a planned publication on 15 July, mentioning our anniversary and announcing to the public our joint response to COVID-19 pandemic;</li> <li>• A report of the meeting will be shared in view of the meeting of the contact points in September to discuss the follow-up.</li> </ul>