

REPORT ON THE EUROPOL'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TFTP AGREEMENT¹

In May 2015, the Europol Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) inspected Europol's implementation of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Agreement.

This was already the fourth inspection and the JSB is satisfied that it can report that concerning Europol's verification task as defined in Article 4 of the TFTP Agreement as well as the requests there is a continuation of the situation as checked in the inspection of November 2012. Although there is some room for improvement, the overall conclusion is positive.

The present assessment of the JSB is focused on how Europol fulfils its task under the TFTP Agreement. The JSB likes to restate its assessment that due to the nature of the TFTP and the scope of the agreement there is a massive, regular, data transfer from the EU to the US. This causes a clear tension between the idea of limiting the amount of data to be transmitted by tailoring and narrowing the requests and the nature of the TFTP.

The inspection also included the data processing pursuant to the articles 9 and 10 of the TFTP Agreement. This processing is done in accordance with the applicable rules.

¹The full text of the report is available at: <http://www.europoljsb.europa.eu/media/275252/15-28%20final%20tftp%202015%20inspection%20report.pdf>