European Actions Strengthening Teams Establishment Against Migrant Smuggling

PRESS RELEASE

Final Meeting of the European project "EASTEAMS" in Germany on tackling migrant smuggling.

Within the framework of the European project "EASTEAMS" (European Actions Strengthening Teams Establishment Against Migrant Smuggling), led by the Hellenic Police as coordinating partner, the project's Final Meeting took place on 8 and 9 September 2026 in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, at the premises of the Police Department of the University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria.

The event focused on the project's results and on the prospects for continued cooperation among the competent authorities in tackling migrant smuggling. The programme included a presentation by the Hellenic Police of the objectives and implementation of EASTEAMS, as well as presentations on the EMPACT platform, cooperation with third countries, and the operational dimension of the phenomenon from the perspective of Europol and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Initiatives of related European projects were also presented, and the prospects for sustaining the partnerships developed were examined. The second day included a discussion on the lessons learned from EASTEAMS and ideas for future cooperation, with the participation of partners and invited guests in accordance with the event programme.

Following the conclusion of the open session of the Final Meeting, the third Consortium Meeting was held, during which the partners discussed project implementation matters, issues relating to the Memorandum of Understanding, and the framework for future cooperation with the **Federal Investigation Agency of Pakistan (FIA).**

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