

Polish Platform for Homeland Security

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Abstract

The area of European public security has been recently exposed to few serious threats such as terrorism, organized and economic crimes. It leads to the hypothesis that law enforcement and courts must seek new approaches in the aspects of preventions as well as combating those pathological phenomena.

It must be stressed that these threats to public security are becoming more and more crossborder in their nature consequently they engage institutions from different countries. In the age of fastdeveloping technology it is inevitable to make use of new technologies in the course of law enforcement' and courts' activities. Those technologies both increase the effectiveness of actions undertaken by government entities as well as directly influence the whole European community's perception of security.

We all are having this prevailing understanding that the success in restraining and combating criminality as well as in providing the community with security will generally depend on the scientists who have the knowledge about modern IT technologies and other technological instruments.

Those assumptions mentioned earlier are being supported by the activities of Polish Platform for Homeland Security. They have been met with understanding and have been supported by the government of the Republic of Poland from the very beginning as well. One advantage is extremely important. Researches conducted with in the Polish Platform for Homeland Security give unique opportunity to create modern technologies which can coup with challenges created by law enforcement's and courts' practice. The activities involve the efforts made by scientific community and institutions devoted to public security. They put together latest "state-of-the-art" technology and the experiences deriving from everyday work of law enforcement and other government entities. It is all done for the benefit of the whole society.

Polish Platform for Homeland Security has a special philosophy which can be expressed as follows: *It is not possible to provide the community with security in effective and fully successful way without contribution and support from highly advance IT instruments.*

Mentioned above research projects are being carried out within Polish Platform for Homeland Security as a composite unity. Besides technological aspects we also take a closer look at Polish and foreign legal regulations in order to find the most effective measures to combat any kind of threats against the citizens' security. And this is another important advantage. Researches consider different aspects of the prevention and combating the most dangerous contemporary pathologies: terrorism and organized crime. It is important to mention that within the Polish Platform for Homeland Security there are groups of police officers, public prosecutors and judges. They constantly give advice about the actual usefulness of the researches' results for them. All of the researches are aimed at providing the best measures to combat organized crime and terrorism. The second goal is to take advantage of those results in the course of criminal proceedings.