



REGISYNC Kick-Off Meeting

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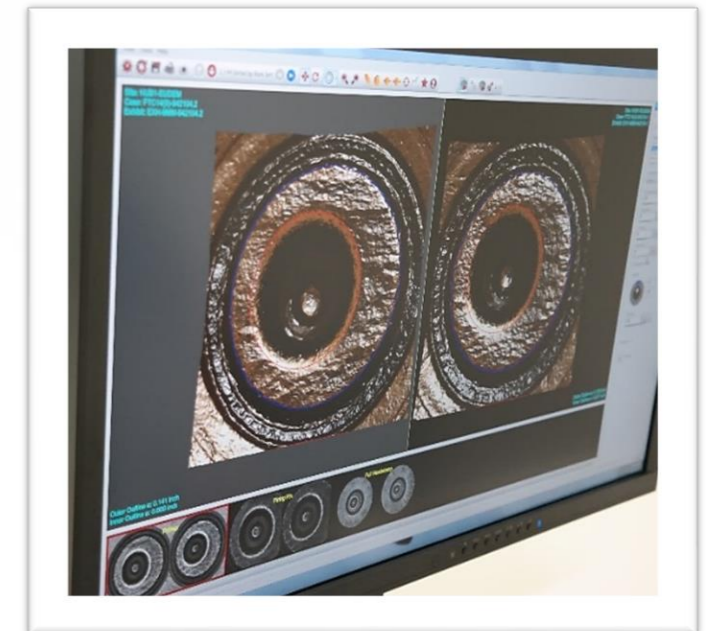
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What is a Registration and Licensing System? How do they differ?

- Registration Systems are focused on the physical entities e.g. **Firearms** (and usually controlled components, accessories and ammunition)
- Licensing Systems are focused on a **Person**.
- Registration and licensing systems, whilst different from each other, are **frequently linked**, especially in the area of **civilian possession** of firearms and ammunition.



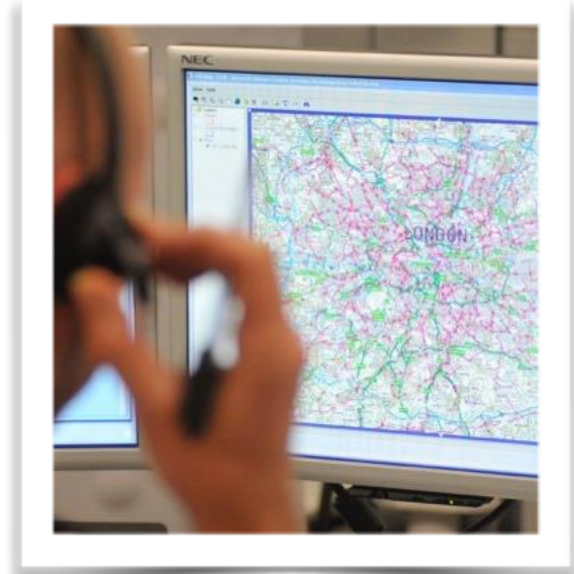
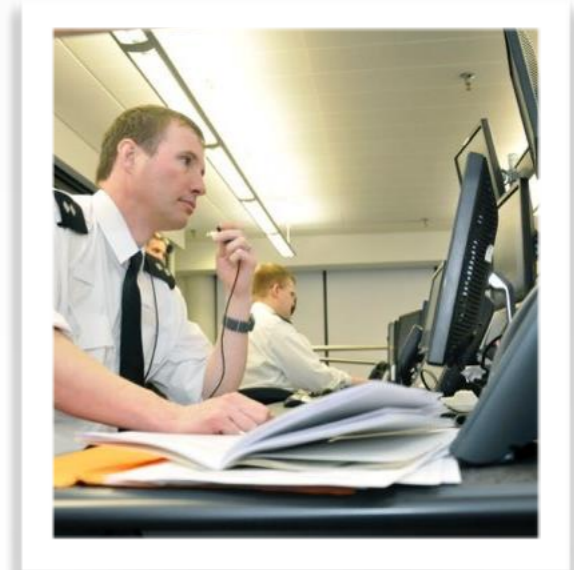
What does the Registry Keep Records Of?



- Registries should hold records of all legally imported / manufactured firearms and ammunition, subsequent movements, until their disposal / destruction / deactivation or export.
- It is common for a state to have several registries. These will hold records of state owned and operated firearms and ammunition (e.g. Defence and Law Enforcement).
- These registries contain a comprehensive dataset that would be capable of tracking / tracing firearms effectively.
- For state firearms / ammunition there would likely not be any need to classify the entries, as there are no restrictions on ownership.
- A registry for civilian possession should hold the equivalent dataset for firearms / ammunitions but likely alongside some details of legal classification. This may be where a Registry and Licensing system are **linked**.

What does the Licensing System Keep Records Of?

- Licensing systems are focused on **people** and ensuring they have the required authorisation to possess the controlled items in question.
- Permits, licences, authorisations, competencies etc. are handled by the licensing system. Some licensing systems require a single licence to possess multiple firearms, others require an individual licence per firearm.
- It is frequently the case, the civilian licensing system is connected to the registry as there is common data of use to both systems (e.g. legal classification, current possessor and their authority).
- The licensing system functionality is complex as domestic laws vary greatly, for what firearms / ammunition civilians can possess.
- Due to the closely interwoven nature of some registries with licensing, we **are seeking certain supplementary details with regards to licensing in each participating state.**
- Harmonisation and comparison of licensing laws, however, is not a focus of this project.



Possible Exceptions and Outliers



It should be noted that some registries for civilian possession might not have a licensing function attached.

An example might be a registry that records the possession of deactivated firearms, where the state does not require the possessing civilian to hold a permit but might limit possession simply by age.



Whilst it may be argued that a deactivated firearm has been taken outside the legal definition of a firearm in a particular state, this project still regards such registries as relevant for this work, given the need to harmonise deactivation standards collectively to ensure deactivation remains permanent and therefore irreversible.

Methodology – Part One

- The development of the beneficiary national lead points of contact (through all project partners).
- A structured questionnaire to establish the relevant legislation, registries and permit systems of the project beneficiaries.
- The tasking of supplementary questions for clarification of responses – especially technical questions on information systems.
- A review of the legislation of each of the project beneficiaries that allows for the establishment of all relevant registries, their extent and limitations.
- A review of the legislation of each project beneficiary that supports data exchange.

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Methodology – Part Two

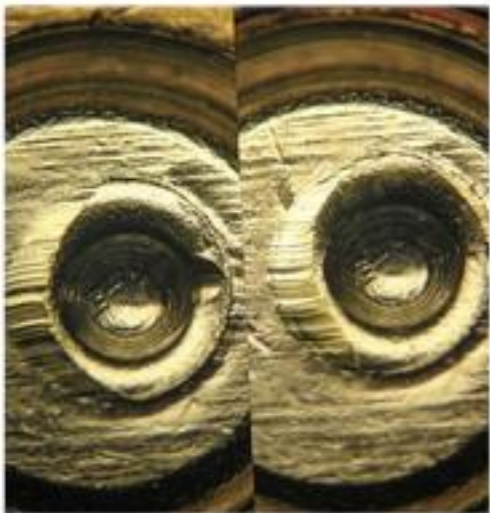
- A review of the methodology & datasets held by each project beneficiary, including any information systems in use.
- A review of the details of the firearms systems for classification, marking, registration, ballistic records, tracing, statistical collection, test firing and personal data protection requirements.
- The completion of a beneficiary report template for each beneficiary. *It may be useful to agree a common standard against which to report. The sample documents provided at this stage reference the EU Firearms Directive (as amended) for this purpose.*
- An overall assessment and analysis (following an agreed model) from which recommendations can be made. This may be a SWOT analysis for each beneficiary and an overall PESTELOM analysis.



Methodology – Questionnaire Areas



- Firearm Definitions and Classification
- Registry Ownership and Access
- Registry Technology and Maintenance
- Registry Links and Integration
- Types of data held
- Legislation
- Licensing / Permits / Authorisations



Methodology – Beneficiary Analysis

EU Firearms Directive compliance subject	Beneficiary name
EU FA Directive Definition & Categorisation	
Article 1 Definition of firearm	
Article 1 Definition of part	
Article 1 Definition of essential component	
Article 4 Marking	
(UN ISACS 05:30 Marking)	(Show the marks used)
Article 4 Computerised record and retention	(State the system name and operating system)
Article 4b Broker Controls	
Article 5 Good reason, <u>age</u> and safety requirements	
Article 10 Ammunition controls	
If SALW deactivation is <u>recognised</u> : Annex 1 Deactivation provisions	<i>e.g.</i> - Has provisions – not yet aligned with EU Common Guidelines.
Natural Person dataset	
Firearm dataset	
Additional Registries	
Tracing Registry	<i>e.g.</i> XXXX forensic/tracing database (LINUX) – not linked to others.
Import/export Registry	<i>e.g.</i> Customs Database – not linked to others.
Procedures	
Test Firing	<i>e.g.</i> For Category B only at present.

Key

Compliant, meets minimum requirement	Under development	Not applicable

Thank You



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