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...exchanging biometric data in the EU..

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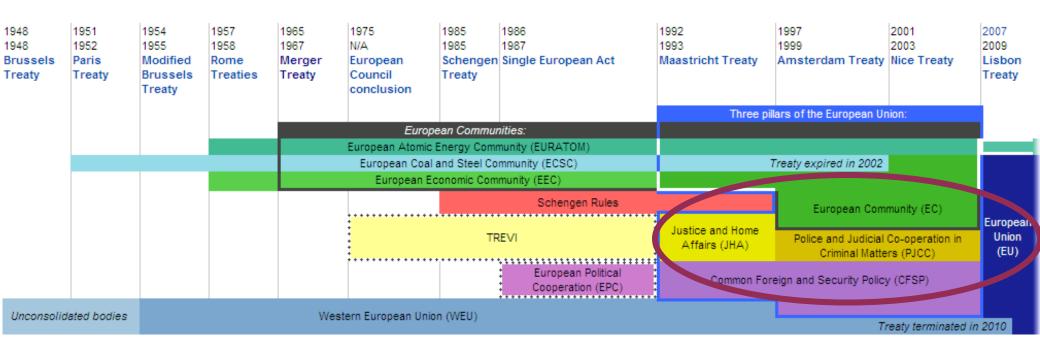
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Understanding the European Union

an area of freedom, security and justice





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Enlargement

an area of freedom, security and justice

- European Union (EU)
 - European Economic Area (EEA)
- Schengen
 - Police co-operation
 - Border Control
- **Member States**
 - Old Member States
 - New Member States
 - Candidate States
 - Applicant States
 - Potential Candidate States

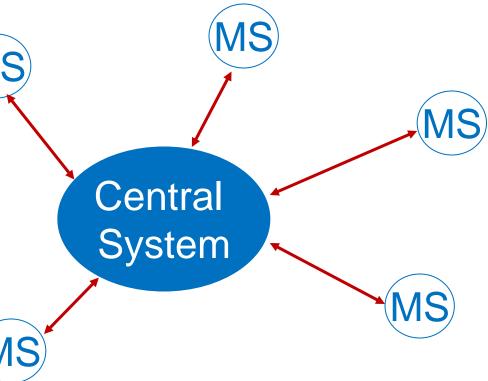




Data Sharing Models in the EU

Centralised

- **EURODAC (EU Asylum System)**
 - Tenprint rolled
 - > No alphanumeric data
 - Live since Jan 2003
- EU VIS (EU Visa System)
 - Biometric Matching System
 - Alphanumeric data + facial image
 - √ 10 prints flat
 - Operationally ready 24th June 2011
 - Visa applications with biometrics
 - staged worldwide rollout
 - Biometric Border Verification
 - 3years after go live







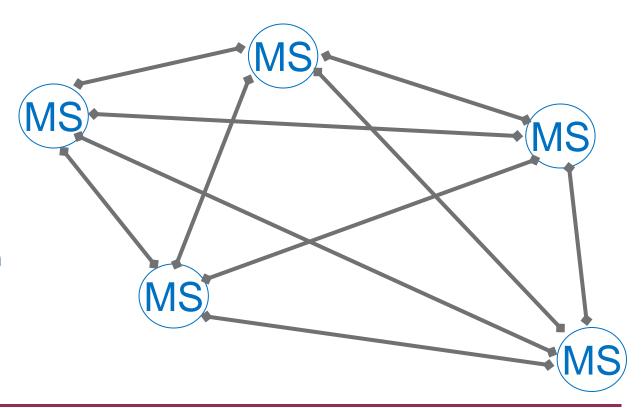


Data Sharing Models in the EU

Decentralised

Prüm

- Deadline Aug 2011
- > Fingerprints
 - **Tenprints**
 - **Palmprints**
 - Latents
 - √ 7 MS live
- > DNA
 - √ 10 MS live
- Vehicle Registration
 - √ 10 MS Live



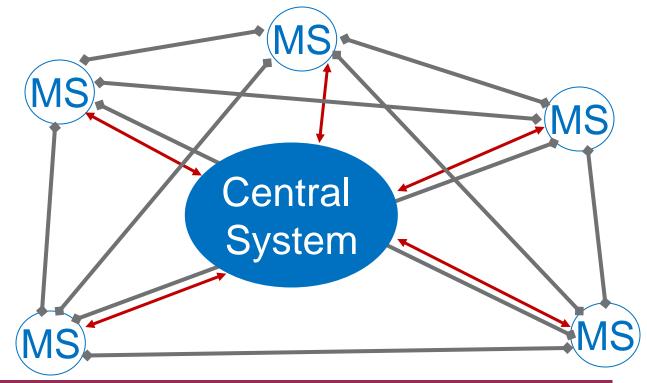




Data Sharing Models in the EU

Distributed

- Schengen Information System (SIS)
 - > Alerts on people and goods
 - Biometrics exchanged via decentralised model
 - Live since 1995
 - > SIS II
 - **Biometrics**
 - Go live 2013?





Under discussion

Exchange of Criminal Records

- > European Citizens
 - ✓ Biometrics as an option
 - Decentralised model chosen
 - ✓ Due to go live April 2012

> Third Country Nationals

- Technical Study completed
- Feasibility Study to be launched Spring 2011
 - Legislation changes
 - Data to be exchanged
 - » Many MS want it to be fingerprints
 - Model for the exchange
 - » Many MS pushing for centralised model



The Operational Challenges

Throughput

Decentralised Model

- **Incoming Transactions**
 - > Sizing
 - Storage
 - Memory
 - New workflows
- **Outgoing Transactions**
 - New Workflows
 - Automatic or Manual Workflows
 - Additional Processes might mean additional Workstations
 - Manual Verification
- Manage the transaction limits

Centralised Model

- **Outgoing Transactions**
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The Operational Challenges



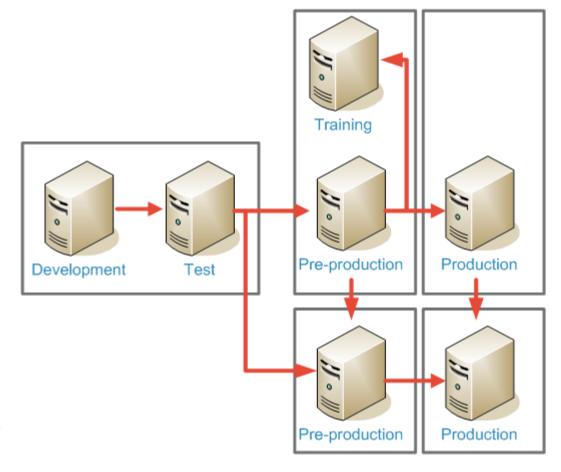




The Operational Challenges

Technical Infrastructure for decentralised model

- Meeting the Response times
 - Higher resilency
 - More IT domains to manage
- Testing
 - > If 29 MS then
 - ✓ with each MS = 28 tests
 - ✓ total no of communication tests = 812
 - Can you test on an operational system?
 - Testing is not a one-off operation
 - ✓ Will need this forever.
- Logging
 - Archiving of outbound and inbound responses might be required
 - ✓ Prüm = 'all data'





Building blocks for successful data exchanges

Success Identification Jean X John X Core data Partner 1 Partner 2 Data Exchange (biometrics) Required **Documents** Support **Testing** Infrastructure Agreement





Building Blocks

Minimum requirements

- **Interface Control Document**
 - Data to be exchanged
 - > Types of Transactions
 - Required for both core data and secondary data
- **Exchange Interface Document**
 - Network definitions
 - Email addresses
 - Need both formal and adminsitrative
 - Certificate management
- Testing Document(s)
 - Communication tests between the network nodes.
 - ✓ Centralised : Once per partner
 - Decentralised: x*x-1
 - Transaction Tests
 - ✓ Test Data: need to be sure of the results of the tests.
- Final Acceptence / Go Live criteria
 - What does it entail

Documents





Building Blocks

Resource Intensive

- Development of and understanding of FAQ
 - Pass on lessons learned
- Distribution of document updates
 - > There are always errors in technical documents
 - Need a formal, fast way to disseminate information to all parties and their suppliers
- **Management of Tests between partners**
 - Central repository of test data
- Management and Distribution of certificates
 - If there are many partners, certificates will expire at different times
- Monitoring of Network
 - Most problems are network issues due to the number of stakeholders involved
- **Training**







Building Blocks

Resource Intensive

- How is the testing organised
 - Communications and transactions tests can be performed separately
 - Time and resources
 - Need dedicated personnel available to monitor results and resolve problems
- How is testing performed on an operational system if no test system exists
 - > Incoming transactions
 - Insertion of Test data
 - Logging
 - ✓ If logs are used to create legal reports.







Organisational

After going live

- What data should be submitted
- Who decides what data should be submitted
- Which Partner(s) should the data be submitted to
 - ✓ The searching strategy
- Who verifies a hit from a request
- Who supplies the alphanumeric data to a requesting partner who has verified a hit
 - Might need dedicated 'office' to manage this
- > Who deals with the issue when you exchange wrong data





Who pays?







Lessons learned

for success

- Standards are just the starting point
 - not the end of the road
- It is not just about adding software to handle automated exchanges
 - > Biometrics work but success is actually based on the manual exchange secondary alphanumeric data not the first level core data exchange
- Organisational challenges are greater than the technical challenges
 - Data Sharing changes the back office processes for ever
- No matter what exchange model is chosen you need key building blocks for the model to work
 - Without them, everybody struggles and the real issues are misunderstood
- Funding
 - > If procurements are controlled by each individual partner, timeframes for going live are long



Thank you

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