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The ABCs of API
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What is the OSCE?



- With 57 participating States in North America, Europe and Asia, the OSCE – the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – is the world’s largest regional security organization.

Could Westeros have been saved...



...if advance information of the arrival
of the ill-intentioned traveller was shared
with the other kingdoms?

Why do we need passenger data in advance?



- The number of passengers travelling by air is predicted to almost double in the next 20 years
- As well as an increase in numbers, there is also an increase in risks
- The UN Security Council recognized the threat and adopted resolution 2178 in 2014 which mandates all States to collect Advance Passenger Information (API).

How can States establish passenger data systems?



ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

A = Airlines

(First Step)

- An airline consultation group should be notified of your country's plans to start collecting passenger data.

(Second Step)

- A technical implementation guide for airlines that contains all the operational/legal/technical issues that airlines need to be aware of in order for them to transmit passenger data to your country.

(Third Step)

- Recommended continuing the partnership approach throughout the process as your country progresses in collecting passenger data from more and more flights.

ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

B = Binding

- A national legal framework for collecting passenger data is needed for airlines to transmit the data.

Why – the purpose of collecting the data should be made clear.

Who – the legislation should make clear which agency will be collecting the data and which agencies will be making use of it.

When and How – The law should include provisions on when the data should be transferred.

How Long – provisions should be included on how long the data should be stored for.

What if - For any law to be enforceable in the event of non-compliance, penalties must be prescribed.

ABC guide to establishing a passenger data system

C = Collaboration

- Collaboration among agencies within your country.
- OSCE are helping States to follow the recommended practice of establishing a 'single window' agency.
- This model significantly increases information sharing and collaboration among the relevant law enforcement agencies in your country.
- OSCE has been supporting States in creating inter-agency working groups for establishing a passenger data system and then identifying agencies to form part of a potential passenger information unit.

Conclusion



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