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Dear colleagues

On behalf of Spain I am pleased to invite your representatives to the operational meeting, which will take place in Madrid (Spain) on the 15th and 16th February. The meeting intends to start on the 15th at 12:00 hrs and to finalise on the 16th around 15:00 hrs.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the current operations and investigations conducted in the different Member States and Third States which are linked to the Spanish Operation Cardon. The Operational meeting will have a double interest; it will focus on the illicit trafficking in Firearms carried out by the targeted Organised Crime Group, as well as the financial crimes the OCG targeted might be involved in within the different participating countries. The meeting also aims to identify related cross border investigations in different countries and to define the way forward exploring the possibilities of co-operation among participants in the meeting.

We encourage you to nominate operational experts or investigators directly linked in investigation related to the main suspects and otherwise, colleagues who might have this role in the near future.

Furthermore, your representatives are invited to deliver a presentation about the main investigations currently conducted in your respective countries, about the targets appearing in Operation Cardón.

The meeting will also offer a forum to discuss the way forward and to co-ordinate the future activities, in order to meet the expectations and requirements of the participating Member States in the best possible way within their criminal investigations.

Be informed that Europol will cover for Economy flights max up to IATA fares, duty car or train and accommodation-NIGHTS NECESSARY BASED ON TRANSPORT (no breakfast), for one delegate from each of your respective countries. Be informed that an additional night can be granted due to flights

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schedule and that EP will not reimburse/pay the expenses for the transport between the airport and the hotel or meeting venue.

Participants will stay at Hotel Catalonia Atocha in Madrid.

The meeting venue is *Centro Policial Canillas, Julian Gonzalez Segador s/n, Madrid, Spain*

Please find below the links to (& entry code for) the registration page for your meeting.

<https://www.eventsforce.net/europol/467/home>
The entry code for registration is: 2016-033_GHS^)

The **deadline for registration has been set to 08/02/2016, at midnight.** The system will not accept registrations after that date

Should you have any questions or proposals, do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] phone numbers

Best regards

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