## Information on secondment of liaison police officer from Ministry of Interior to the European Police Office – EUROPOL, The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands

The efficient implementation of the Operational Agreement with Europol and posting a Europol Liaison Officer to the Europol Headquarters have been recognized by the Serbian authorities as one of the important priorities since 2009, when the Agreement on Strategic Cooperation with Europol was signed and when the Europol National Unit was established, and especially since 2014, when the Operational Agreement entered into force.

Moreover, this has also been recognized as one of the priorities by the European Commission, particularly through its Recommendation which relates to the activity No. 6.1.1.6 – "Posting a Liaison Officer to the Europol Headquarters in the Hague" – which is envisaged by the Action Plan of the Ministry of the Interior for Chapter 24 of the EU acquis: Justice, freedom and security.

In order to have this recommendation adequately fulfilled, Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia has finished internal transparent procedure for the selection of EUROPOL liaison officers.

Secondment of the liaison police officer from Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, Ms Zorana Gajic, to the European Police Office – EUROPOL was realized on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.