

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AMBER
ALERT EUROPE AND THE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

THE AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION with its seat in Beek, Peter Treckpoelstraat 4, 6191 VK Beek, Kingdom of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as: the Foundation), represented by Frank Hoen, Chairman and Founder,

and

THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA with its seat in Belgrade, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2 (hereinafter referred to as: the MoI RS), represented by Aleksandar Vulin, Minister of the Interior, based on the Conclusion of the Government 05 No. 337 – 170/2022 – 1 of 13 January 2022,

(hereinafter referred to as: the Parties),

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) which establishes the right of the persons under the age of eighteen to be protected from all forms of violence and the right to protection and care,

Considering that in all activities relating to persons under the age of eighteen, carried out whether by public or other authorities, the best interests of those persons must be a primary consideration,

Considering the comprehensiveness of the issue of missing persons, challenging both the society and law enforcement, cooperation and sharing of existing know-how is to the benefit of both Parties,

Convinced that cooperation between the Parties will contribute to finding missing children in the Republic of Serbia,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish cooperation between the Parties in order to promote the activities aimed at finding missing persons under the age of eighteen in the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as: missing persons).

Article 2

Cooperation will comprise best practices on technological innovation and standards, cross-border cooperation, building a community and active citizen sourcing.

Article 3

Cooperation between the Parties will be facilitated in accordance with relevant international conventions and national regulations of the states of the Foundation members.

Article 4

By concluding this Memorandum, the MoI RS shall become a member of the Foundation and shall contribute to the cooperation between law enforcement agencies and other organisations in the field of missing persons and alerting and will grant the Foundation the right to use the emblem of the MoI RS on the overview of members list (e.g. here: <https://www.amberalert.eu/police-expert-network/>).

Article 5

By concluding this Memorandum, the Foundation shall share best practices on technological innovation and standards, cross-border cooperation, building a community, and active citizen sourcing, offer law enforcement training via web-conferences by police experts on missing persons, share information on relevant research within its role as Secretariat to the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons and shall grant the MoI RS the right to use the emblem of the Foundation on the MoI RS's webpage.

Article 6

The Parties shall make a mutual decision on how and when the membership of the MoI RS to the Foundation will be announced and/or mentioned.

Article 7

The Memorandum shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time and shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of its signature.

This Memorandum may be amended with a written consent of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by a written 30-day prior notice to the other Party.

Article 8

This Memorandum is done in two original copies, each in the English and Serbian languages, all texts being authentic.

In case of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Foundation:


Frank Hoen
Chairman and Founder
Date: 24.02.2022.
Belgrade

For the MoI RS:


Aleksandar Vulin
Minister of the Interior
Date: 24.02.2022
Belgrade