

Berlin Process – Security Commitments Steering Group

Terms of Reference

Background

As part of the Western Balkans Summit, held in London in July 2018, hereafter known as the “Berlin Process”, the Governments of the Western Balkans have committed to strengthening connectivity and co-operation within the region in the fields of serious and organised crime, terrorism and other security threats. To facilitate this they have agreed to:

- A Joint Declaration on strengthening information exchange between law enforcement agencies;
- [The Call to Action to end forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking;] and
- [Small Arms and Light Weapons Initiative Road Map].

The six Governments of the Western Balkans have agreed to establish a Berlin Process Security Commitments Steering Group in order to monitor the delivery of these commitments.

Role

The Berlin Process Security Commitments Steering Group shall be responsible for the implementation of the security commitments made through the Berlin Process, specifically:

- Agreeing a monitoring and evaluation framework;
- Compiling a joint annual assessment of progress made ahead of subsequent Berlin Process summits;
- Identifying obstacles and critical enablers and developing proposals to address these and further support their implementation; and
- Identifying future security threats and areas for cooperation.

The six Governments of the Western Balkans will aim to identify priorities in relation to the implementation of specific commitments as soon as possible, taking into account the work of other initiatives.

Format

The Berlin Process Security Commitments Steering Group will meet at least twice in between Berlin Process summits. Meetings will be chaired by the UK for the year after the date of the 2018 summit, and beyond that by a chair to be decided by the Berlin process participants. Responsibility for organisation of meetings will be held by the Chair.

Participants

The six Governments of the Western Balkans shall nominate senior representatives from their ministry of interior/security and ministry of foreign affairs with responsibilities for delivering against the Berlin Process security commitments. Others, including relevant institutions and regional bodies, may also nominate a representative as appropriate for the agenda.

The Berlin Process supporting participants may nominate a representative when invited to attend the meetings.