

## 5th Europol convention on crime and terrorism

At the 5th European Police Chiefs Convention (EPCC), which was held on September 23-24, 2015 at Europol headquarters in The Hague, Italy was represented by Prefect Alessandro Pansa. The conference was centered on the fight against international terrorism.

On the occasion Police Chief Alessandro Pansa held bilateral meetings with the other European Police chiefs, as well as with Europol Director Rob Wainwright and FBI Director James Comey, to discuss the most actual security threats: from terrorism and cybercrime to organized crime and migration flows from the Middle East and Africa.

In his speech at the plenary session, Prefect Pansa focused on the serious terrorist challenge that vulnerable communities are facing in many European countries. In particular, he referred to the Jewish communities being targeted by hate and intolerance, that are amplified by the online radicalization of a growing number of people.

The Italian Police Chief also stressed the need for the European police to present a united front against this threat, adopting a modern and multidisciplinary approach, through a continuous and productive dialogue with the communities at risk.

Europol Director Rob Wainwright agreed on the importance of encouraging interaction between vulnerable communities and the police, and announced that Europol will soon organize a forum for the Jewish communities and EU Member State's police agencies.

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