



TELEFI

Towards the European Level Exchange of Facial Images

A group of six European Forensic Laboratories from **Estonia**^{1,2}, **Finland**³, **Latvia**⁴, **The Netherlands**⁵ and **Sweden**⁶, engaged with forensic biometrics at national and European levels, have come together to describe in detail the current situation of forensic facial recognition across Europe.

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The general objective of the TELEFI project is to promote the future exchange of extra forensic information from national databases, similar to DNA reference and trace profiles, fingerprints/prints and vehicle registration data currently being exchanged under the Prüm Convention.

The TELEFI project will particularly focus on reviewing the organisational, technical and legal aspects of forensic facial recognition, as one of the most promising biometric technologies for forensic investigation and for forensic data exchange between the EU Member States.

In the long term, increasing the types of forensic information that can be exchanged, will aid in preventing and combating cross-border crime and terrorism.

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The TELEFI project will have three outcomes:

- 1) a **description of the current situation** of forensic facial recognition in the EU Member States,
- 2) **recommendations towards the harmonization of the field** at the European level, and
- 3) the **dissemination of the results** among the relevant EU stakeholders.

These outcomes will be essential for the Member States to help achieve the interoperable implementation of the face modality for forensic practice, to further develop forensic facial databases and to move forward towards the exchange of facial image data within the Prüm framework.

The results of the TELEFI project will be presented in:

- 1) a **detailed report** and
- 2) at a dissemination **conference in Tallinn, Estonia** (June 2020).

