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This document contains the ENFSI Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026. A yearly plan for the implementation of the given strategies with smart and tangible actions will be presented in separate documents (e.g. ENFSI Action Plan 2023 – 2024). The strategic plan will continue to rely on **ENFSI Vision 2030, “Improving the Reliability and Validity of Forensic Science and Fostering the Implementation of Emerging Technologies”** as well as the Council Conclusions on the vision of the European Forensic Science Area 2.0 (EFSA 2.0) of 13 October 2022 and the European Forensic Science Area (EFSA) 2.0 Action Plan of 9 March 2023 published by the Council of the European Union

1. Contribute to the establishment of the European Forensic Science Area 2.0 through the implementation of Action Plan

EFSA 2.0 along with its Action Plan serve as a basis of the ENFSI Strategy for forthcoming years. EFSA 2.0 Action Plan is based on three pillars: Meeting the Future, Strengthening the Impact of Forensic Results, and Demonstrating the Reliability in Forensic Results. ENFSI shall actively contribute to the effective implementation of the Action Plan, particularly focusing on the points where ENFSI is the main responsible body. This should be realized through the ENFSI involvement in EU-funded Direct Award scheme and encouragement towards project execution within ENFSI forensic community, Expert Working Groups and Standing Committees. Furthermore, ENFSI shall cooperate with all stakeholders involved in implementation of the EFSA 2.0. Action Plan.

2. Strengthening the network through professionalization

ENFSI as a non-profit Association works on semi professional basis. Besides professional Secretariat service, all other work is being done on a voluntary basis, often in the free time. As a growing organization with ambitious goals and considered as a reference in the field of forensic science it is essential to reconsider further professionalization of ENFSI. This shall be achieved through identification of operational areas which are not presently covered (role gap analysis) in ENFSI, with a view to ensure smooth management of the Network and fulfillment of its mission and goals in even more structured and efficient way.

ENFSI will as a part of its corporate identity continue to develop common design for its products and take steps to create common ENFSI infrastructure for databases, webinars, e-learning, e-forums etc.

ENFSI will further improve cooperation with main stakeholders and enhance its commitment and cooperation with forensic science networks and organizations globally.

3. Consolidate and improve cooperation within ENFSI

Identification and evaluation of the needs of ENFSI Community in the areas of education and training, quality management, proficiency testing, research, will be performed and further improved by tightening the cooperation between the ENFSI Board, Membership, Standing Committees as well as Expert Working Groups. ENFSI Working Groups will be encouraged for cooperation in research, training and proficiency testing. Direct awards will be discussed with the EU and other stakeholder to reach scientific goals, as identified, among others, in the Action Plan.