



# 23rd FINWG Annual Meeting

Luxembourg, Luxembourg

7 – 9 October 2026

## Report



The 23rd ENFSI Fingerprint Working Group (FINWG) meeting took place from 7 to 9 October 2026, at the "Technopolis" congress centre in Luxembourg. The conference brought together 102 participants from around 40 European and non-European countries to explore the latest advancements in fingerprint analysis.

On the morning of 7 October, Kristin Schmit, Central Director of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Grand-Ducal Police of Luxembourg, opened the conference with welcoming remarks. She provided an overview of the host agency's operations and highlighted future challenges such as digitalisation, recruitment, and proactive territorial policing.

Scientific sessions kicked off with deep dives into likelihood ratio models, research for safer chemical solvents, and standardising laboratory procedures, alongside a business meeting to update the group's Steering Committee.

On Thursday, the focus shifted to interactive workshops and new technologies. A major highlight was the industry showcase, featuring Thales, Integrated Biometrics, and Laboratory Imaging for fingerprint biometrics, as well as Smytec, Foster&Freeman, West Technology Forensics, Arrowhead Forensics, Forenscope, Laboratory Imaging, and BVDA for visualisation techniques. The afternoon sessions then explored lab digital workflows and the challenges of visualising fingermarks from banknotes and unconventional surfaces such as bird feathers.

On Friday, the scientific programme concluded with presentations on cutting-edge research, including methods for recovering prints from 3D-printed materials, using mass spectrometry imaging to visualise fingermarks and detect exogenous substances like cocaine, and extracting fingerprints directly from digital photos.

Delegates also enjoyed networking opportunities, including a guided tour of the city and a closing dinner at the Grand-Ducal Police Headquarters.

At the end of the meeting, it was announced that RaCIS Carabinieri will host the 24th FINWG Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy, from 6 to 8 October 2027.