goTravel

The collection, sharing, analysis, and dissemination of data by the Passenger Information Units (PIUs) will be empowered by the UN’s “goTravel” software system. This technology is part of the comprehensive support package to the Member States and will also include training, sharing of good practices, and expert advice.

The goTravel software is a reconfigured version of the Travel Information Portal (TRIP) system donated by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations on 26 September 2018 on the margins of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly.

goTravel helps to identify networks

The CT Travel Team will support Member States’ national competent authorities from beginning to end. Each beneficiary Member State will also have secured access to CT Travel’s online support platform, which will allow real-time interactive collaborations and information exchange for smooth project implementation.

For more information, please visit www.un.org/counterterrorism/CTTravel

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The UN Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme is a new flagship initiative of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) to assist Member States in enhancing their detection capacity against foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) and serious criminals using Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Record (PNR), and other data, in compliance with Security Council resolutions 2178 (2014) and 2396 (2017).

While simple in description, building a new capacity while facing rising and increasingly sophisticated terrorist threats, lack of proper legislative and governance structure in place, and complexities of inter-agency coordination can be daunting for countries without the knowledge, operational experience, or technological solutions. The costs of creating such a system are high, and Member States run the risk of purchasing an expensive but not fit-for-purpose system. Adding to these challenges are the differences among the legislative frameworks of Member States preventing optimal use of passenger data and international cooperation for counter-terrorism purposes.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT PACKAGE

CT Travel Programme simplifies the challenges for Member States by using a four-tiered methodology to build or enhance the detection capacity otherwise known as Passenger Information Units (PIUs) flexibly applied depending on each country’s state of readiness and its priorities:

- A thorough assessment of each beneficiary Member State’s current needs and joint production of a roadmap for implementation with national authorities.
- Assistance toward establishing a legislative framework and governance structure for the new PIU.
- Institutional set-up of a PIU and building operational expertise to stem the flow of FTFs, including setting up carrier engagement.
- Deployment of the goTravel software system to help Member States sieve through passenger data quickly to detect any known or unknown threats.

ALL-OF-UN APPROACH

This comprehensive and tangible support to Member States is provided through an “All-of-UN” approach coordinated by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in close partnership with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the Office of Information and Communication Technology (OICT) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).