

Transatlantic data sharing agreements

The EU considers the privacy of a citizen's personal data a basic right. America's 22 security agencies employ some 1.4 million people* with "top secret" clearances to mine data collected for U.S. national security



Europol EU's police co-operation agency shares "strategic" and "personal" information – threat tips, patterns of crime, risk assessments, names, addresses, criminal records
People in database, 2011: **41,193**
Increase on 2010: **16%**



Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication

Belgium-based **SWIFT** passes names,

addresses and account numbers of millions of EU citizens transferring money across borders, to American **Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme (TFTP)**

Data abuse: In 2012, Danish importer transfers \$26,000 via SWIFT to German supplier as payment for Cuban cigars. Money seized under **TFTP**, claiming payment breaches U.S. trade embargo on Cuba

Maritime Container Security Initiative

U.S. officers at more than 50 EU ports pre-screen some 3,000 U.S.-bound cargo containers a day to ensure that they do not contain weapons of mass destruction



Eurojust Judicial cooperation agency passes data to U.S. Secret Service and FBI offices based at Hague HQ
Cases handled, 2012: **1,533**

Passenger Name Records

Include name, address, phone number, credit card details, travel agency and baggage information as well as "sensitive" data – religious meal choice or requests for assistance due to medical condition

PNRs of more than 11.5 million U.S.-bound travellers from Europe were sent to Department of Homeland Security in 2012

Data stored in "active" database for up to five years, then "dormant" database for further 10 years

Visa Waiver Programme

Passport must include fingerprints, digital photograph, biometric data plus biographic data submitted on web-based **Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)** at least two days before travelling. \$14 fee – to be paid by credit card – means card details are also included



Sources: Europol, Eurojust, U.S. Congress – CRS, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

*As of Oct 2012 – U.S. Director of National Intelligence

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