

ENFSI European Fingerprint Working Group

Best Practice Manual for Fingerprint Examination

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Outline



1 Framework: Development

Content: Chapters of the Manual

Future: Update and further elaborations



Towards European Forensic Standardisation through Best Practice Manuals (TEFSBPM)



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European Commission – Directorate-General Home Affairs"

2011 EU Council Decision - Council conclusions on the vision for European Forensic Science 2020

the EU Member States and the EC working together to ensure the even-handed, consistent and efficient administration of justice and the security of citizens in the area of forensic science





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TEFSBPM *project*: 12 forensic disciplines selected by the ENFSI Board and granted to develop best practice manuals to facilitate the standardisation in forensic sciences across European Union. The project is an important stepping stone in the realization of the 2020 Vision with contributions towards several of the vision statements within the EU Council Decision





TEFSBPM objective

The key objective of TEFSBPM will be the harmonisation of the forensic Best Practice Manuals (BPMs) across Europe involving a wide range of forensic areas. The development of these BPMs will be in line with the following general principles:

- 1. The BPMs will be developed in line with the core values recognised across the ENFSI community.
- 2. The forensic BPMs will have a broad scope and include such areas as personnel, equipment, materials and premises.
- 3. The BPMs will be drafted in line with the ENFSI document "Guidance on the Production of Best Practice Manuals within ENFSI" and will use the ENFSI BPM template.



TEFSBPM documents

Project B1

Guidelines for Best Practice in the Forensic Examination of Digital Technology

Project B2

Pan-European Best Practice in Forensic Handwriting Examinations

Project B3

Best Practice Manual for Colouring Methods in Gunshot Residue Analysis

Project B4

Best Practice Manual for Road Accident Reconstruction Examination

Project B5

Microscopic Identification and Comparison of Human and Animal Hair Best Practice Manual



TEFSBPM documents

Project B6

Best Practice Manual for Fingerprint Examination

Project B7

Specification for DNA Pattern Recognition and Comparison

Project B8

Best Practice Manual for the Application of Molecular Methods for the Forensic Examination of Non-Human Biological Traces

Project B9

Best Practice Manual for the Forensic Recovery, Identification and Analysis of Explosives Traces



TEFSBPM documents

Project B10

Best Practice Manual for the Forensic Investigation of Fire Scenes which have Resulted in Fatalities

Project B11

Best Practice Manual for the Forensic Investigation of Fire Scenes which involve the Clandestine Manufacture of Improvised or Homemade Explosive Devices **Project** B12

Best Practice Manual for the Forensic Investigation of Fire Scenes which Involve the Clandestine Manufacture of Illicit Synthetic Drugs



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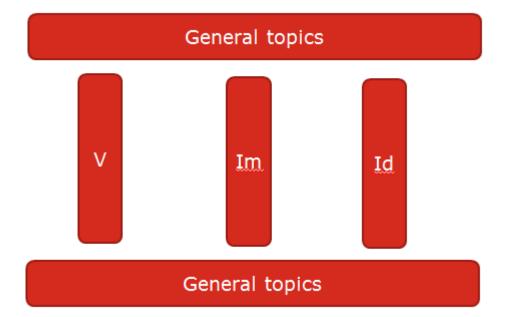
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General information

- Official language: English
- Translations allowed
- Translations soon available:
 - Spanish
 - German



Content of the document

- The document considers:
 - Visualisation (development);
 - Imaging;
 - Individualisation (ACE-V)
- Limited application to the laboratory procedures (Not for Crime Scene)
- Philosophy underneath the document

"DO NOT reinvent the wheel"





General information

- Gives an overview of the state of the art of the current best practices adopted by laboratories in EU
- Overarching document above the local **SOPs**
- Applicable to different legal systems
- It is NOT a Standard

Development



- 16 Chapters and 2 Appendix
- **Chapters:**
 - **Aims**
 - Scope
 - **Definitions and Terms**
 - **Methods: Fingermark Visualisation** and Imaging
 - CAST FVM
 - **Methods: Fingermark Individualization (ACE-V)**



- Chapters:
 - Validation and uncertainty of measurement
 - Proficiency testing
 - Customer or case requirements
 - Initial examination
 - Handling items
 - Case review
 - Presentation of evidence
 - Health and safety
 - References



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- Appendix 1:
 - Fingermark visualisation processes
- Appendix 2:
 - Glossary (special referencies)

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What's next?

- Creation of a permanent ENFSI EFPWG BPM Task Group on a voluntary base
- Schedule a mandatory revision of the BPM in a timeframe of 2 years
- Ver. 02 issued by November 2017
- Call for peer review panelists May 2017





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What's next?

- Any potential document of interest and/or standard published within the timeframe will be considered and eventually referenced or incorporated (with the agreement of the authors)
- Potential interest to collect general public comments and/or stakeholders comments before release of Ver. 02



Past

T3



Monopoly Project T3 PTs and CEs in fingerprint domain

Objectives

- develop two global PTs/CEs for ENFSI members within the years 2015-2016
- gain the knowledge on the real costs associated

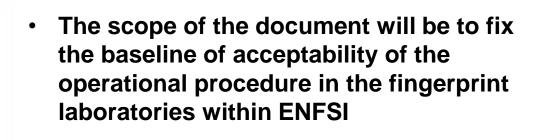


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Anything else?

- Start to draft a manual on minimum requirements
- It will refer to existing or soon to be published standards





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