



Elaine Dezenski serves as Managing Director of INTERPOL's Global Security Initiative for the 21st Century (GSI).

Launched in October 2008, GSI is the organization's "incubator" where new strategies are developed and launched in five strategic areas: global security, secure global infrastructure, law enforcement training and capacity building, public-private partnerships, and innovation. The GSI works closely with the 187 member states of INTERPOL, and with the public and private sectors, in the development of its initiatives which are helping to strengthen the cutting-edge technologies, techniques, and tools that INTERPOL brings to global security.

Under GSI, the organization is already moving forward with an innovative cyber security initiative as well as new programs for promoting secure borders, highly secure travel documents, efforts to fight anti-corruption and anti-counterfeiting technologies.

Prior to joining INTERPOL, Ms. Dezenski previously worked as the Senior Vice President for Global Government affairs at Cross Match Technologies, a leader in the development of biometric technology applications for border security, law enforcement, transportation, voter registration, and related areas.

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Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Ms. Dezenski was a special assistant at the US Department of Transportation. During that time, she also served as a Brookings Institution LegisFellow in 2000-2001, working under the Hon. Sherwood Boehlert, a Member of the United States Congress.

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