Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group, 20th meeting on 7 May 2014

Summary report

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) hosted the 20th meeting of the Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group (Eurodac SCG) on 7 May 2014.

The Group, which comprises national Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and the EDPS, each acting within their own competences, is tasked with ensuring coordinated data protection supervision of the Eurodac system. The Secretariat of the Group is provided by the EDPS.

Representatives of the European Commission and the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) provided the Eurodac SCG with the usual update on recent developments.

The Group discussed the follow-up to a questionnaire sent by the European Commission to the Member States in 2013; the aim of this questionnaire was to check the application of current Eurodac rules. According to the European Commission, the follow-up given to the questionnaire by the Member States will also be visible in the figures for the Eurodac Annual Report, which is scheduled for publication in the near future.

The Group decided to stay in touch with the Commission services in order to exchange relevant information on these aspects, and to allow national DPAs to give follow up where necessary.

eu-LISA representatives announced that the work for adapting Eurodac to the new rules which will become applicable on 20 July 2015 will start in July this year.

The Group also decided to prepare for the future changes to Eurodac by:

- 1. ensuring proper contacts with eu-LISA and analysing the prospect of a visit in Strasbourg in the spring of 2015 to monitor the progress made on data protection requirements;
- 2. preparing a draft questionnaire with items to be analysed at national level in the first half of 2015 (such as law enforcement access issues, data subjects' rights, advance erasure of data or marking of data).

The next meeting of the Eurodac SCG will be held in fall 2014.