

Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group, 24th meeting on 15 April 2016

Summary report

The 24th meeting of the Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group ('SCG') was hosted at the European Parliament on 15 April 2016.

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

A representative of the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('eu-LISA') informed the Group of the current status of operation of the Eurodac system following the entry into force of the Eurodac Recast in July 2015, including on the storage capacity of the system, the response time to requests and upcoming challenges due to the increase of persons seeking international protection.

The Group discussed a draft Eurodac Activity Report 2014-2015 prepared by the Secretariat and members of the Group will send their national reporting chapter in order to adopt and disseminate the document before the end of the year.

The Group finalised its work on the Report on the preparation for the national implementation of the Eurodac Recast. In addition, the Members of the Group reported in turn on the national implementation of the new Eurodac rules, in particular with regard to specific articles of the Eurodac Recast relating to access to advice of persons with sufficient knowledge of fingerprint data and a specific audit regarding access by law enforcement authorities to the system foreseen in the Recast.

The Group also discussed the general migration situation in Europe and a recent Commission Communication on the reform of the Common European Asylum System, in which the Commission envisages bringing new changes to the Eurodac system.

The Members of the Group finally updated their colleagues with information about their national inspections or other relevant developments.

The next meeting of the Eurodac SCG will be held in fall 2016.