

Visa Information System Supervision Coordination Group 9th meeting on 23 November 2016

Summary report

The 9th meeting of the Visa Information System Supervision Coordination Group ('VIS SCG') was hosted at the European Parliament on 23 November 2016. The VIS SCG meeting was organised back-to-back with the Schengen Information System SCG and the Europac SCG as usual.

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 VIS.

Representatives of the Commission (DG Justice and Fundamental Rights) first gave a presentation focusing on the VIS aspects of Schengen Evaluations, starting by a short overview of the new Schengen Evaluation mechanism and explaining the main issues on which this new mechanism concentrates.

The Secretariat then presented the first findings of the questionnaire addressed to Members of the Group as regards the implementation of Article 41 of the VIS Regulation, which relates to the data protection audit of national systems that DPAs shall carry out at least every four years.

The Group adopted model letters to facilitate for data subjects the exercise of their rights to access, correct or delete their personal data recorded within the VIS.

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

Last but not least, Caroline Gloor Scheidegger from the Swiss DPA was elected as Vice-Chair of the VIS SCG.

The next meeting of the VIS SCG will be held in Spring 2017.