

SIS II Supervision Coordination Group

11th meeting Brussels, 12 June 2018

Summary

The Supervision Coordination Group of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) met on 12 June 2018 in Brussels, hosted by the European Parliament.

Election of a new vice chair

Mr Gert Vermeulen, representative of the Belgian DPA, was elected as new vice chair of the Group.

Adopted documents

The Group adopted a <u>report on logging to the SIS II at national level</u>. The report provides an overview of the retention period for logs, on whether the competent authorities perform log analysis and, if so, how the analysis is performed. Based on the findings, the report makes 18 recommendations about the management of logs in accordance with data protection principles.

The group also adopted jointly with the <u>VIS supervision coordination group</u> and the <u>Eurodac supervision coordination group</u> a <u>letter</u> on <u>the proposals of the Commission establishing a legal framework for interoperability between EU large scale information systems.</u> This letter, which was sent to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, stresses that the proposals of the Commission introduce a major change in the information systems design and, consequently in the way personal data is processed at European and national levels. The letter further points out that it is unfortunate that this complex process was rushed and contains some recommendations about crucial issues to be taken into account during the upcoming trilogues on the legislative package.

Discussions

The group discussed the increase of Alerts entered in the SIS II based on Article 36 of the SIS II Decision (i.e. data on persons or vehicles, boats, aircrafts and containers entered for the purposes of discreet checks or specific checks).

The group also discussed the draft activity report for the period of 2016-2017. One part of the activity report will be dedicated to national reports from each Member of the SIS II SCG.

The group finally had an exchange of views about the SIS II SCG website as regards its presentation and its content.

A Representative of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA° was invited to present their report entitled "Under watchful eyes - biometrics, EU IT systems and fundamental rights" with a focus on SIS II related issues.

A Representative of the European Commission (DG HOME) was invited for a discussion during a part of the meeting on recent developments.

The Data Protection Officer of eu-LISA was also invited to update the Group on recent developments regarding the status of operations of SIS II.

Organisational issues

The next meeting of the SIS II SCG will be held on 14 November 2018.

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Secretariat of the SIS II SCG