

Summary report

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) hosted the 21st meeting of the Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group (Eurodac SCG) on 29 October 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.

A representative of the Fundamental Rights Agency gave a presentation on a biometric project to be developed in the near future. The Group made some recommendations and accepted to share the Eurodac Standardised Plan for national inspections with FRA.

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 an update on the current developments with a view to ensure a smooth transition to the new Eurodac rules in 2015.

The Group discussed how Member States identified in the 2013 Commission Eurodac Annual Report ensured follow up to issues such as advance deletion of data or blocking. 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 additional follow up where necessary.

The Group also prepared the stage for the new Eurodac rules which are to become applicable in 2015. The first step decided was to set up a Subgroup composed of some DPAs and the EDPS in order to prepare a visit to eu-LISA's Strasbourg premises by spring 2015. The details and the format will be established at the next meeting of the Group. The second step was to discuss a questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat which aims at checking how the new Eurodac rules will be implemented at national level. The questionnaire will be circulated to the DPAs by the end of November 2014.

The DPAs representatives updated their colleagues with information about their national inspections or other relevant developments.

The next meeting of the Eurodac SCG will be held in spring 2015.