

Summary report

The European Data Protection Supervisor ('EDPS') hosted the 22nd meeting of the Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group ('SCG') on 26 March 2015.

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.

The Group elected the representative of the Swedish DPA, Ms Elisabeth Wallin, as its new Chair and the representative of the Estonian DPA, Mr Andres Ojaver, as its new Vice-Chair for the next two years in accordance with the Eurodac SCG's Rules of Procedure.

The Group also adopted the next Eurodac Work Programme for the period of 2015 to 2018, an important part of which will depend on the new Eurodac legal framework and which identifies the following issues for further discussion and assessment by the Eurodac SCG: the access of law enforcement authorities to the system, the marking of data, the information given to data subjects and the follow-up of special searches.

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 state of play of the Eurodac architecture and proposed to postpone the Eurodac SCG visit to eu-LISA's Strasbourg premises to the fall 2015.

The Group continued to prepare the stage for the new Eurodac rules which are to become applicable in July 2015. In this regard, the Subgroup entrusted with the preparation of a visit to eu-LISA's premises will work further on the details of this visit. In addition, the Secretariat presented the first findings of a questionnaire sent to the Members of the Group in order to check how the national Eurodac authorities are implementing the new Eurodac Regulation but also investigate possible law enforcement access issues, the exercise of data subjects' rights and the marking of data. It appears from the answers that Member States already took some steps to ensure the implementation of the new Eurodac Regulation such as, for instance, the organisation of training sessions for the Eurodac staff with regard to the new functionalities of the system.

Last but not least, the Members of the Group 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 2015.