

Summary report

The European Data Protection Supervisor ('EDPS') hosted the sixth meeting of the VIS 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 Visa Information System ('VIS'). The Secretariat of the Group is provided by the EDPS.

The Group elected the representative of the Italian DPA, Ms Vanna Palumbo, as its new Chair and the representative of the Spanish DPA, Mr Manuel Garcia Sánchez, as its new Vice-Chair for the next two years in accordance with the VIS SCG's Rules of Procedure.

As usual, the Members of the Group met with the representatives of the Commission and the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('eu-LISA'). The topics discussed included the state of play of the VIS roll-out, the planned further roll-out¹, recent developments related to the quality of data in the system and the role of subcontractors.

The Group is close to finalise the work on the three questionnaires aimed at checking at national level the list of authorities having access to the VIS, access to VIS for law enforcement purposes and the exercise of data subjects' rights. Members will send their last contributions to the Secretariat in order to draw general conclusions and draft a comprehensive report to be published by June 2015.

The Group adopted the next VIS Work Programme for the period of 2015 to 2018, which identifies the following issues for further discussion and assessment by the VIS SCG: the transfer of data to third countries or international organisations, the advance deletion of data, the training of staff on data security and data protection rules and the self-monitoring of authorities having access to the VIS.

The Group discussed a draft VIS Activity Report 2012-2014 prepared by the Secretariat and members of the Group will send their reporting chapter in order to finalise the document before summer.

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 VIS SCG will be held in fall 2015.

¹<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32013D0493&qid=1400058351146&from=EN>