

Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group, 23rd meeting on 8 October 2015

Summary report

The 23rd meeting of the Eurodac Supervision Coordination Group ('SCG') was hosted at the European Parliament on 8 October 2015.

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 Eurodac system.

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 current status of operation of the Eurodac system following the entry into force of the Eurodac Recast in July 2015.

The Group was also informed of the outcome of a study visit to eu-LISA's premises in Strasbourg that took place in September 2015, and was attended by a smaller team composed of IT experts coming from national DPAs and the EDPS. Experts were in particular able to observe and learn more about the security measures in place, the developments of the system to comply with the Eurodac Recast and the training and education of the staff on data protection concerns.

The Group continued the work on the application of the new Eurodac rules. In this regard, the Secretariat presented the first draft report based on a questionnaire which had been sent to the Members of the Group. The questionnaire contained questions on how the national Eurodac authorities are implementing the new Eurodac Regulation but also on possible law enforcement access issues, the exercise of data subjects' rights and the marking of data. The Group is close to finalising the work on this report, which is expected to be published by the end of 2015. In addition, the Members of the Group reported on the national transition to the new Eurodac rules.

The Group also discussed the general migration situation in Europe and the impact on the Eurodac system.

The Members of the Group finally 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 2016.