



SIS II Supervision Coordination Group

7th meeting

Brussels, 14 April 2016

Summary

The Supervision Coordination Group of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) met on 14 April in Brussels.

Adopted documents

The Group adopted its **Working Program** for 2016-2018, which builds on the projects initiated and completed in the first two years of the existence of the Group, to ensure continuity. It is based on priorities ranked by delegations, thus reflecting the choices of activities made after more than two years of experience of the supervisory authorities with supervising SIS II. The priorities for the next two years focus on having a precise overview of the access control mechanisms put in place at national level, a study on logging at national level, a report of the national criteria used for introducing alerts on refusing entry or stay of third-country nationals and a survey concerning the review of the data retention period of alerts.

The Group also adopted its first **Activity Report** referring to 2013-2015 and a [Common Position on the deletion of alerts on stolen vehicles](#). The main question addressed by the Common Position is whether it should be considered that upon location/seizure of the vehicle the purpose of the alert was achieved and thus it should be deleted from the SIS II, or whether the purpose of the alert has been fulfilled when the vehicle which has been located is delivered to the State issuing the alert to be used as evidence. The Group concluded that the localisation of the vehicle, or any other object, is not the purpose of this type of alert, but instead is the first step giving rise to the exchange of supplementary information, in view of agreeing on measures to be taken to accomplish the objective of the alert, which is the object's seizure or its use as evidence in criminal proceedings. Some recommendations are made to overcome the deficiencies of cooperation detected between Member States' competent authorities, which prevent the fulfilment of the purpose of the alert and, therefore, its deletion for many years upon location of the car.

Discussions

The Group made progress discussing the **Joint Model for inspecting alerts**, which could be adopted by written procedure before the next meeting of the Group.

Representatives of the **European Commission** (DG JUST and DG HOME) were invited for a discussion during a part of the meeting, on recent developments, especially with regard to the future of SIS II within the EU Agenda for Security, but also with regard to the Commission Communication on Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security.

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

A representative of the **EU Fundamental Rights Agency** presented the status quo of an ongoing research project conducted by the Agency with regard to the use of biometrics by the large scale IT systems.

EDPS presented to the Group its conclusions on an inspection of the Management Authority of the SIS II Central system.

Organisational issues:

The Group adopted its new logo and discussed the creation of a new webpage. The Group also decided to publish on the existing webpage a summary of the meetings.

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Secretariat of the SIS II SCG