



Visa Information System Supervision Coordination Group, 8th meeting on 15 April 2016

Summary report

The eighth meeting of the Visa Information System ('VIS') Supervision Coordination Group ('SCG') was hosted at the European Data Protection Supervisor ('EDPS') on 15 April 2016.

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 VIS.

The Group invited, as it regularly does, 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 VIS Mail system that went live in January 2016, the state of play of the VIS roll-out that ended in February 2016, the possible implications for the VIS of the Entry/Exit System Proposal tabled by the Commission earlier in April, the ongoing recast of the Visa Code, the overall performance of the VIS and latest developments related to the quality of data in the system.

The Secretariat informed that the Report on Access to VIS data and data subjects' rights had been adopted by written procedure and the Group decided on the best ways to further disseminate this report.

The Members of the Group shared their national experience with regard to the implementation of Article 41 of the VIS Regulation, as regards the data protection audit of national systems that DPAs shall carry out at least every four years, on the basis of a short draft questionnaire circulated in advance of the meeting. Members will provide answers to this questionnaire in writing in order to identify common issues to be further investigated and discussed by the Group in the future.

The Members of the Group agreed to contact their national ministries in order to investigate further the cooperation with external service providers ('ESPs') in the visa application process, whose contracts shall comply with the requirements in Annex 10 to the Visa Code, in order to serve as basis for further analysis by the ESPs Subgroup.

Finally 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 2016.