SIS II Supervision Coordination Group
8th meeting
Brussels, 22 November 2016

Summary

The Supervision Coordination Group of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) met on 22 November in Brussels, hosted by the European Parliament.

Adopted documents

The Group adopted a joint model for the inspection of alerts. This model is intended to serve as an assistance tool for Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) to perform their supervisory role. Furthermore, it provides for a common approach to the inspections, allowing a better analysis and comparison of results. The model provides relevant support for DPAs in carrying out inspections, though always as a reference text still allowing flexibility and tuning at national level, according to the specifics of the national procedures or methodologies. Together with the Security Module, the Alerts Module constitutes a sound framework for the mandatory four-year audit to the SIS II.

Discussions

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 the Automated Fingerprints Identification System (AFIS) and the Schengen evaluations missions.

The Group made progress discussing a questionnaire on logging at national level, which could be adopted by written procedure beginning of 2017.

The Group exchanged views on the consultation of SIS II for administrative purposes and on the national criteria used for introducing alerts on refusing entry or stay of third-country nationals.

The Members of the Group updated their colleagues on the budget of their DPA and the impact national restrictions may have on their role as supervisor in Schengen matters.

Organisational issues

The Group discussed the content of a new webpage and agreed on a domain name.

The next meeting of the SIS II SCG will be held in Spring 2017

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