SIS II Supervision Coordination Group
9th meeting
Brussels, 13 June 2017

Summary

The Supervision Coordination Group of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) met on 13 June 2017 in Brussels, hosted by the European Parliament.

Adopted documents

The Group adopted a letter drawing the attention of the EU institutions and national governments on the lack of financial and human resources given out to the data protection authorities to adequately perform their tasks in accordance with the legal framework. In its letter, the Group stresses that the legal obligation to provide sufficient resources is in general not complied with. As a consequence, many supervisory authorities are facing major problems in the fulfilment of their tasks related to the supervision of the SIS II.

Discussions

The Group discussed the three proposals amending the SIS II legal basis, i.e. in the field of border checks, of police and judicial cooperation and on the use of SIS for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals, and decided to take a joint position on them highlighting major data protection concerns, in order to contribute to the ongoing discussions. A letter with the Group’s understanding will be adopted by written procedure.

The Group also exchanged views on the Schengen evaluation recommendations in the field of data protection and on the retention period of logs at national level.

A Representative of the European Commission (DG HOME) was invited for a discussion during a part of the meeting, on recent developments, especially with regard to the interoperability of EU large scale information systems.

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

Organisational issues

The next meeting of the SIS II SCG will be held in the week beginning 13 November 2017.

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Secretariat of the SIS II SCG