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eu-LISA inaugurates its operational site's new building

Today eu-LISA celebrates its renovated site in Strasbourg with an inauguration event to thank those who provided the Agency with a modern working environment. Representatives from the French government, eu-LISA's governing bodies, EU institutions, EU Agencies, the local government, as well as eu-LISA's staff will take part in the festive event at 18 rue de la Faisanderie.

Five years ago, in 2013, eu-LISA received the former "Centre du Système d'Information Schengen" from the French government and has been running the Agency's large-scale IT systems from there ever since. Following the award of a contract in 2015, construction of the new building started in early 2016. Staff moved into the new building in August 2017. With this latest addition, the operational site can now host up to 185 staff.

Executive Director Krum Garkov said: *"Today sets a landmark for eu-LISA activities that are at the heart of the EU's internal security policies. This is where the Agency manages its large-scale IT systems that help safeguard, amongst others, Europe's borders. When the first building was built on these premises back in the 1990s, it could accommodate roughly 40 people. Now, we can say we are close to handling the ever growing need for specialists in the field, as the site is now sized for up to 5 times that capacity. It was not an easy task to get where we are today, but the hard work and dedication of all those involved has paid off".*

Background: **About eu-LISA**

The European Agency eu-LISA was established to manage large-scale information systems in the area of freedom, security and justice. It currently manages three large-scale systems, namely Eurodac, the Schengen Information System (SIS) and the Visa Information System (VIS), ensuring optimal service to end users and continuously evolving the systems to meet new needs. The Agency therewith supports the implementation of the EU's border management, migration and internal security policies.

In the coming years, the Agency foresees having to develop technical solutions to take the systems towards interoperability. This will enable authorised users such as police officers, migration officials and border guards to have faster, seamless and more systematic access to the information they need to perform their jobs. eu-LISA is to develop and subsequently manage several new systems, including:

- The European Entry Exit System (EES)
- The European Travel Information Authorisation System (ETIAS)
- The European Criminal Records Information System – Third Country Nationals (ECRIS-TCN)

The Operational Centre of eu-LISA is in Strasbourg, France whilst its Headquarters are in Tallinn, Estonia. The Agency also has a technical business continuity site for the systems, in Sankt Johann im Pongau, Austria, and a Liaison Office in Brussels, Belgium.

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