On 14 and 15 June 2023, the Management Board (MB) of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) held its 44th meeting in Tallinn, Estonia.

The Spanish member of the MB presented the priorities of the incoming Spanish Presidency and on behalf of the European Commission, newly appointed Director Mr Nielsen provided a brief report on the status of the legal proposals affecting the operations of eu-LISA. This included progress made with SIS information alerts, the Entry/Exit System, ETIAS, revised VIS, the digitalisation of visa applications, ECRIS-TCN, the Prüm II proposal, the proposal for the Advanced Passenger Information regulation, the Joint Intervention Teams’ Communication Platform and trilogues about the Eurodac Recast regulation. The members were asked to nominate JITs CP Advisory Group (AG) and Programme Management Board (PMB) members, as these governing bodies will start meeting in September.

The MB discussed the Agency’s Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2022 after the Agency had highlighted the main achievements. The document will be adopted via written procedure by the deadline that is stated in the establishing Regulation. The MB also formed its favourable opinion on the Final Annual Accounts of the year 2022.

In-depth information was shared at this MB meeting on the staffing situation at eu-LISA, more specifically with regards to planning, talent acquisition and turnover.

The state of play of implementation of the Interoperability Programme and the plans for a revised roadmap for the IT architecture, starting with EES, were discussed. This will be the main subject of the next MB meeting, in September.

The Chairpersons of the seven AGs (Eurodac, SIS, VIS, EES-ETIAS, Interoperability, ECRIS-TCN and e-CODEX) informed the MB about the latest state of play in their respective groups. The Management Board also took note of reports from the Chairpersons of the five PMBs (EES, ETIAS, Interoperability, ECRIS-TCN and e-CODEX).

The Head of the Internal Audit Capability of eu-LISA presented the implementation status of the outstanding audit recommendations and gave an update about the state of play of the audit activities, while the Agency’s Deputy Executive Director presented the annual report on the Internal Control Framework.

At the second day of the meeting, the Chair opened a discussion on the future evolution of the Agency, including options for the future governance model of eu-LISA. These topics will be discussed more elaborately at the MB meeting in November, after an elaboration of the options by the Agency.
Without discussion, the MB took note of the result of the Customer Satisfaction Survey 2022 (covering Eurodac, SIS II and VIS), the report of the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security for 2022, the status of the capacity increase programme of the Strasbourg site and the status of implementation of eu-LISA’s obligations stemming from its establishing regulation. The MB also adopted comments on the EDPS inspection report on Eurodac, SIS and VIS.

The next Management Board meetings are planned to be held in Strasbourg, France on 27-28 September and in Madrid, Spain on 15-16 November.