

# ECRIS-TCN



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European Criminal Records Information  
System - Third Country Nationals

## What is ECRIS-TCN?

The European Criminal Records Information System – Third Country Nationals (ECRIS-TCN), to be developed by eu-LISA, will be a centralised hit/no-hit system to supplement the existing EU criminal records database (ECRIS) on non-EU nationals convicted in the European Union. Once operational, it will allow Member States to quickly find out in which other Member State(s) information on previous convictions of a non-EU national is stored.

## The Benefits

The system will provide judges, prosecutors and other relevant authorities with easy access to comprehensive information on an individual's criminal history, no matter in which Member State that person was convicted in the past. Efficient exchange of criminal records information is instrumental in combating cross-border crime. ECRIS-TCN will contribute to implementing the principle of mutual recognition of sentences and judicial decisions in a common area of justice and security where people move freely, such as the Schengen Area.

The ECRIS-TCN System is scheduled to be ready in conjunction with the roll-out of the components required to implement interoperability.

## eu-LISA and the JHA Information Systems

Since 2012, eu-LISA has played an integral role in the operational management of large-scale IT systems and databases that are crucial for the security of the European Union. These include the already existing Eurodac, SIS and VIS systems, as well as systems currently under development, such as ECRIS-TCN, EES and ETIAS.

These systems, and the interoperability foreseen between them, will be game-changers in the European Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) area. The technologies being developed by eu-LISA will help the move away from outdated silo solutions towards new holistic approaches that still fully respect the original objectives and data protection guarantees of the individual systems. eu-LISA works closely with Member States, European Institutions and other JHA Agencies to

ensure that the technical and procedural solutions applied optimally cover business requirements while remaining technically feasible.

eu-LISA ensures that Europe's freedom, security and justice management systems are safeguarded for generations to come.

The headquarters of eu-LISA are in Tallinn (Estonia), the operational management is carried out in Strasbourg (France) and a backup site is located in Sankt Johann im Pongau (Austria). eu-LISA also has a liaison office in Brussels (Belgium).



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