

eu-LISA

European Agency for the **operational management of large-scale information systems in the area of freedom, security and justice**

Who we are

The European Agency eu-LISA has been established to manage large scale information systems in the area of freedom, security and justice.

Date of start of operations: 1 December 2012

Establishing Regulation: 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011, OJ L 286/1 of 1/11/2011



eu-LISA pro-actively supports the implementation of the EU's asylum, migration and border management policies.

Mission and Vision

The Agency's core mission is to be dedicated to continuously add value to the Member States, supporting through technology their efforts for safer Europe.

In its operations the Agency respects fundamental rights of citizens and highest standards of security and data protection.

Mission of eu-LISA is implemented through the vision for the organization which comprises:

- Providing high quality and efficient services and solutions;
- Earning trust, continuously aligning capabilities of technology with evolving needs of the Member States;
- Growing as Centre of excellence.

IT systems managed

SIS II

The system entered into operation on 9 April 2013. It facilitates the exchange of information on persons and objects between national border control authorities, police, customs, visa and judicial authorities throughout the Schengen Area. SIS II took over from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+). It provides a more modern and up-to-date system with new and enhanced functionalities, such as the possibility to include biometric data and European Arrest Warrants. It also provides more precise data and better linking possibilities between the different entries.

SIS II therefore enhances security within the Schengen area. eu-LISA is responsible for the operational management of SIS II as from 9 May 2013.

VIS

The system went live in October 2011. It supports the implementation of the common visa policy and facilitates effective border control by enabling dedicated national authorities to enter and consult data, including biometrics, for short-stay visas for the Schengen Area.



EURODAC

It is an information system for comparing the fingerprints of asylum seekers and irregular border-crossers. It facilitates the application of the Dublin II Regulation, which makes it possible to determine the Member State responsible for

examining an asylum application. Until the establishment of eu-LISA, the European Commission was responsible for the EURODAC central unit and for data transmissions via this system.

Governance

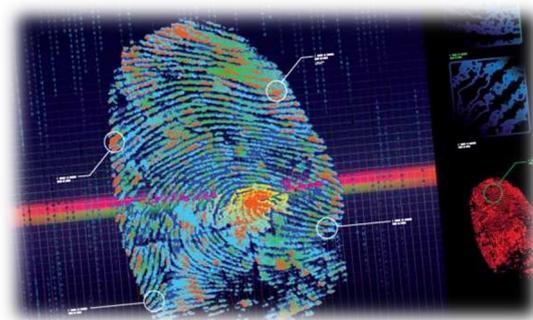
eu-LISA has been established for an indefinite period of time. The Agency has its own budget and work programme.

The highest governing body of eu-LISA is the **Management Board**. It is composed of representatives of the Member States and the European Commission. Associated Countries (Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein) as well as EUROPOL and EUROJUST are also represented in the Management Board.

The Management Board is assisted by **Advisory Groups**, one for each IT system operated under the Agency. These groups are composed of experts from the Member States and a representative of the Commission. Advisory Groups provide technical expertise on large-scale IT systems and, in particular, on preparing the Agency's annual work programme and the annual activity report. The countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the information

systems in the remit of eu-LISA (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) participate in the work of the Agency through Management Board and Advisory Groups.

eu-LISA is administratively managed and legally represented by its **Executive Director**. Mr Krum Garkov is the Executive Director of eu-LISA since 1 November 2012 and heads the staff of 120.



Strategic Goals

Delivery of the core tasks of the Agency

eu-LISA will develop further its operational model in order to maintain stable and continuous operations of SIS II, VIS and EURODAC. The Agency will take additional responsibilities for development and implementation of new systems. It will pro-actively support Member States through the whole life cycle of use of the systems.

Continue building a modern, efficient organization

The Agency will focus its efforts on professional and career development of the staff. It will continue integration of the organisation based on the mission, vision and the values built on the long term strategy of eu-LISA

Move towards becoming a centre of excellence

The Agency shall aim at implementing comprehensive operational and governance frameworks based on industry standards. They will ensure efficient and cost-effective operations of the systems by continuously monitoring and evolving the operational processes, seeking for opportunities to optimise and improve Total Cost of Ownership of the existing systems and further building of the strategic capabilities of the Agency.

Development of relationships with partners

The Agency shall further develop internal and external partnerships as well as its internal and external communications with its stakeholders.

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