

# SIS II - 2018 ANNUAL STATISTICS\* FACTSHEET. MARCH 2019



European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA)

## SIS II

The Schengen Information System – SIS II – has since its establishment been the main compensatory measure for the abolition of internal border checks in the Schengen Area. The system plays an important role maintaining and safeguarding security, as well as facilitating the free movement of people within the Schengen area.

In 2018, there were 30 countries connected to SIS II: 26 EU Member States and 4 Associated Countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). The authorities of Cyprus and Ireland are preparing their technical connection to SIS II. In addition, Europol and Eurojust are also able to search SIS II.

## eu-LISA's ROLE IN SIS II

eu-LISA is in charge of the operational management and further development of SIS II. The Agency ensures the continuous, uninterrupted exchange of data between national authorities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. eu-LISA is also responsible for monitoring the performance of the system as well as providing training on specific fields of SIS II to national operators, SIRENE staff and Schengen evaluators.

The Agency is required to publish a collection of annual statistics as per Article 66(3) of the SIS II Decision 2007/533/JHA and Article 50(3) of the SIS II Regulation (EC) 1987/2006.

On 28 December 2018, the new SIS Regulations - Regulation (EU) 2018/1860, Regulation (EU) 2018/1861 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 - entered into force, and will be applicable in stages.

## THE 2018 STATISTICS

The data presented is a collection of statistical data received from Member States and Associated Countries, together with data available from the Central SIS II.

In 2018, SIS II was accessed a total of **6,185,199,597** times by Member States and Associated Countries, which represents an increase of 20% compared to 2017. On 31st of December 2018, SIS II contained a total of **82,236,846** alerts. The largest category was "Issued document" with 75% of the total alerts, whereas 1,14% of the total alerts were on persons.

A total of **267,239** hits were reported in 2018, which represents an increase of 10% compared to 2017. Similar to previous years, more than 77% of the total hits were triggered by alerts on persons.

Public statistics can be accessed on eu-LISA's website.

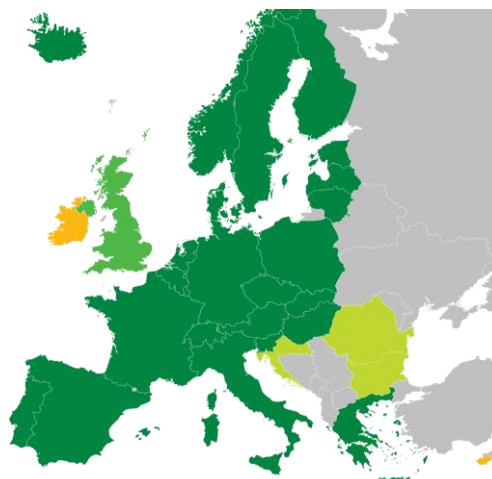


Figure 1. SIS II users in 2018



Figure 2. Alerts on persons (2018)

**6.1 billion searches in 2018**  
by Member States

**82.2 million alerts**  
at the end of 2018

**Over 267,000 hits**  
in 2018

## ABOUT EU-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Union Agency ensuring 24/7 operational management of the European Union's large-scale IT systems and their respective communication infrastructure in the area of freedom, security and justice: Eurodac, SIS and VIS. The Agency is also developing future systems: namely EES and ETIAS, and will also manage them when they enter into operation. In addition, once the respective legislative processes are completed, eu-LISA will implement and develop the interoperability components for IT systems as well as develop and manage ECRIS-TCN.

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