

SIS II - 2020 ANNUAL STATISTICS*

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2020 marked the 25th anniversary of the entry into operations of the **Schengen Information System (SIS)**. The system facilitates the free movement of people in the Schengen Area, supports internal checks and border controls at the external borders, ensures a high level of security and contributes to law enforcement and judicial cooperation. Nowadays, SIS still remains the largest and most widely used IT system for public security in Europe despite the impact witnessed due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year.



The system was **accessed over 3.7 billion times** during 2020. A 44% decrease from 2019.



The number of **searches** also decreased by 44% in comparison to 2019, dropping down to **3.71 billion**.



At the end of 2020, there were **93.4 million alerts stored** in the central system.



Nearly **210.000 hits on foreign alerts** were processed by the SIRENE Bureaux during the year.



In 2020 over **71 million** of the total alerts in the system were related to **issued documents**.



The total figure of **alerts on persons** corresponded to **964,720**.



SIS

eu-LISA is responsible for ensuring the uninterrupted exchange of data between European national authorities 24/7. Apart from the operational management, it is also in charge of SIS further developments.

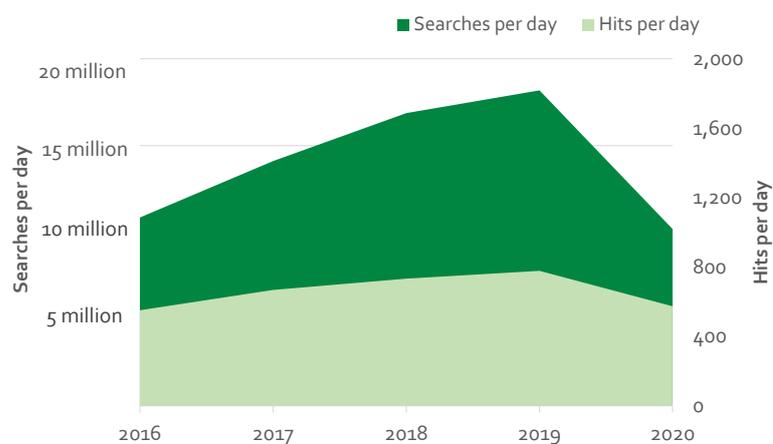
In addition, the Agency monitors the performance of the system; provides training to Member State operators, SIRENE staff and Schengen evaluators; and publishes regular statistics and reports.

Hits & searches on average per day

The figures for hits and searches in SIS have experienced a constant increase from 2016 to 2019.

In fact, record figures were registered in 2019, when 18 million searches on average per day were carried out, providing 777 hits per day on average.

In 2020 there is a noticeable sharp drop, and figures descended to an average of 10 million searches and 573 hits, per day, respectively.



Source: eu-LISA

Figure 1: Average searches and hits per day 2016 - 2020

Public statistics can be accessed on eu-LISA's [website](#).