

SIS II Annual statistics 2021

factsheet

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The Schengen Information System (SIS II) is the most widely used large-scale IT security system in Europe. It is the 'digital core' of the Schengen Area, as it allows the exchange of information on different object categories as well as on persons of interest among Member States.

Together with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation, the usage of the system was impacted during 2021 by:

- The implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement of the United Kingdom from the EU on 1 January 2021, resulting in its disconnection from SIS II and the deletion of all its data.
- The integration of Ireland as new Member State user, in March 2021.

These events had an impact on the data stored in the Central System throughout the year: alerts stored hadn't reached pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2021, UK data deletion accounted for minus 6% of the volume stored, and new alerts introduced by Ireland represented 0.02% of the total stored.

20 million
searches
on average per day



600
hits on foreign
alerts
on average per day

Almost **223K**
hits on foreign alerts



Almost **7 billion**
searches in total

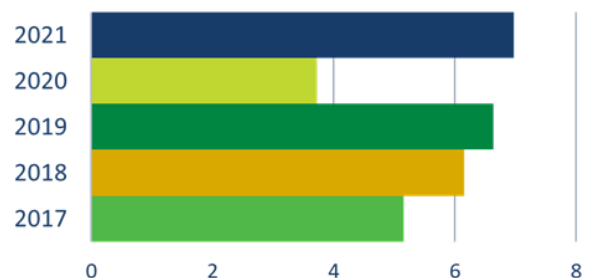
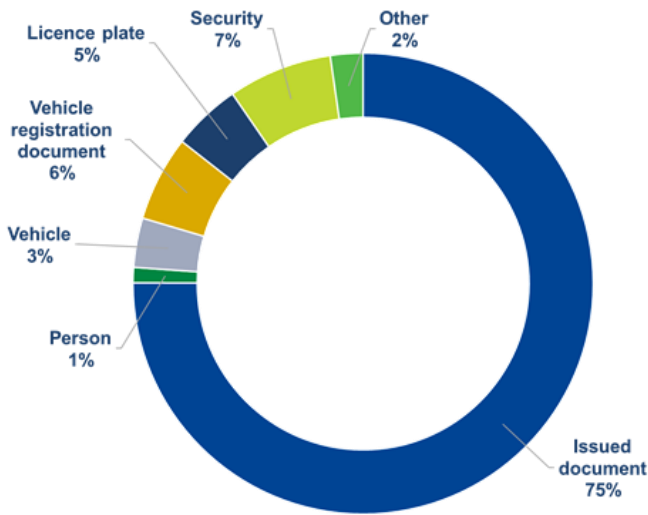


Figure 1 – Member State searches by year 2017-2021

Source: eu-LISA

SIS II Alerts overview



89.99 million

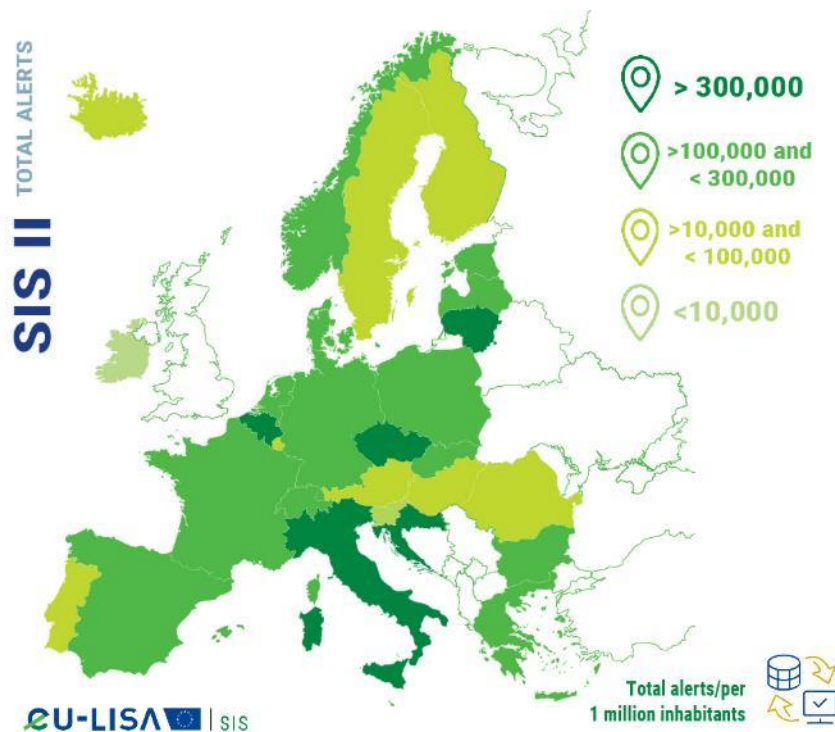
Total data/ alerts stored in SIS II, December 2021



962,175 Alerts on persons



67 million Issued documents



Map 1 – Total number of alerts per Member State per million inhabitants, December 2021

Source: eu-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Union Agency that ensures 24/7 operational management of the European Union’s large-scale IT systems - as well as their respective communication infrastructure - in the area of freedom, security and justice. Further to the systems currently managed (Eurodac, SIS and VIS), the Agency is also in the process of developing three new systems (EES, ETIAS and ECRIS-TCN), along with their interoperability components.

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