

EURODAC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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The European Dactyloscopy database - Eurodac is operational since 2003. The system enables the comparison of fingerprint sets, and thus supports its authorised users in determining the country responsible for the assessment of an asylum claim presented in one of the Member States.

eu-LISA has been responsible for the operational management of its Central System since June 2013.



99.95% of the transactions processed by the Eurodac Central System in 2020 were in line with the relevant Service Level Agreement.

Operational Management



In 2020, overall Eurodac usage decreased by **-30%** compared to 2019, mostly due to the reduction in border checks and travel restrictions imposed in Europe during the first half of the year.



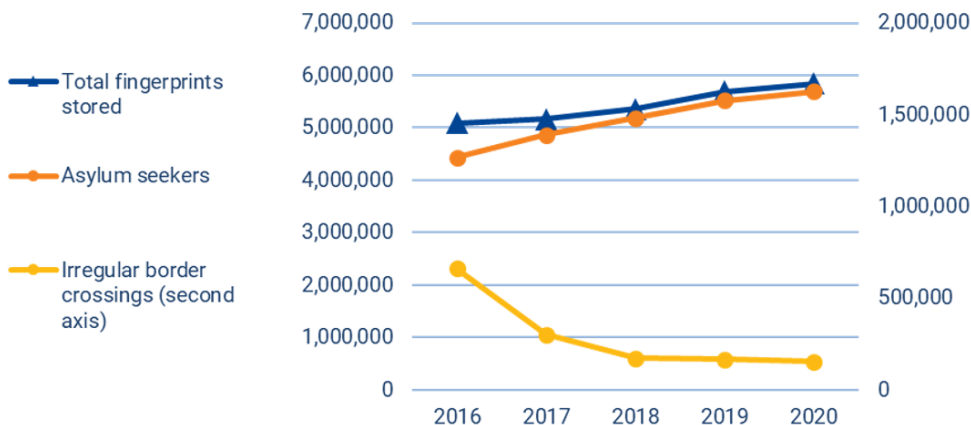
Eurodac was impacted by COVID-19, resulting in some delays to planned corrective maintenance and to non-critical service requests, in particular in the first semester of 2020.

In 2020, the Eurodac Central System was available **99.87%** of the time.



At the end of 2020, Eurodac stored more than **5.8 million** fingerprints data sets.

Figure 1 - Fingerprints stored in the Eurodac Central System by year, 2016-2020



Eurodac Usage in 2020: Trends and Figures



ASYLUM SEEKERS

401,590 category 1 data sets were transmitted to Eurodac, representing 62% of the total data sets transmitted

2019/2020 📉 -32%



SEARCHES FOR ILLEGAL STAYS

160,843 category 3 data sets were transmitted, representing 25% of the traffic

2019/2020 📉 -24%



IRREGULAR CROSSINGS

82,285 category 2 data were transmitted, accounting for 13% of the total transactions

2019/2020 📉 -26%

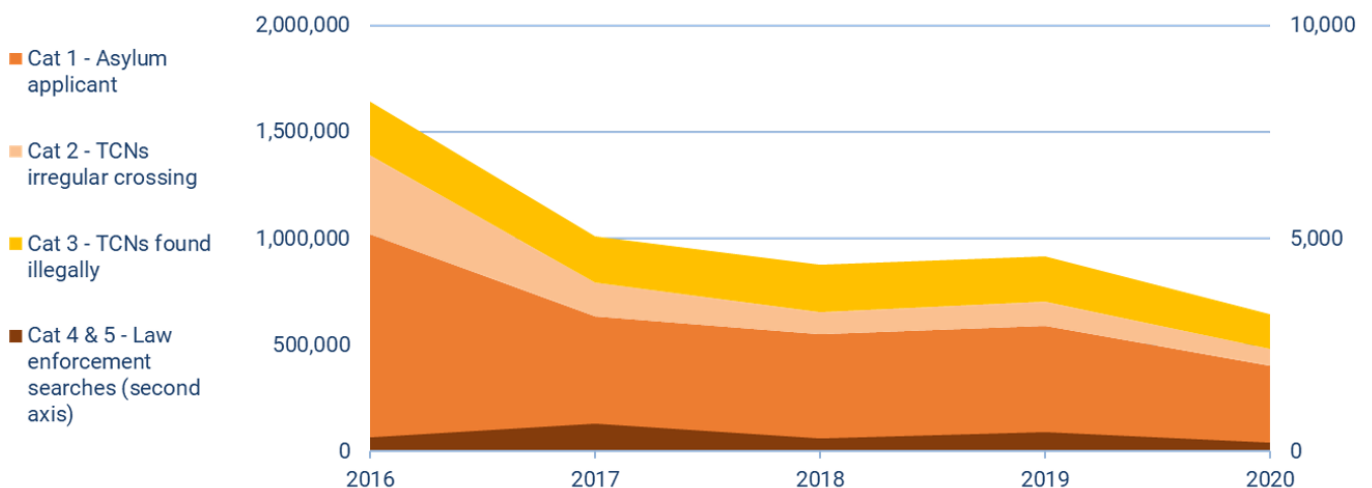


LAW ENFORCEMENT SEARCHES

208 category 4 and category 5 data sets were transmitted (taken together), representing 0.03% of all transactions

2019/2020 📉 -54%

Figure 2: Data traffic in the Eurodac Central System by year, 2016-2020



eu-LISA is the European Union Agency which ensures the 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. Apart from 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.