

SIS II

The **Schengen Information System** has been in operations since 1995 and, **after 25 years**, represents a **key part of Schengen's infrastructure**, being the largest and most widely used IT system for public security in Europe.

SIS II plays a crucial role in facilitating the free movement of people within the Schengen Area and ensuring a high level of security by supporting controls at the external borders, as well as law enforcement and judicial cooperation throughout Europe.

The system enables competent authorities to enter and consult data on wanted persons, persons who may not have the right to enter or stay in the EU, missing persons – in particular, children – as well as objects that may have been stolen, misappropriated or lost.

In 2019, SIS II was used by:

- 30 countries (25 EU Member States, 4 Associated Countries, and the UK)
- Europol and Eurojust

eu-LISA'S SIS RELATED ROLE

eu-LISA is in charge of the operational management and further development of SIS II ensuring the uninterrupted exchange of data between national authorities 24/7.

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

2019 STATISTICS

These reported figures are a collection of statistical data received from the countries connected to the system, together with data available from the Central SIS II.


In 2019, the total number of **accesses to SIS II** was **6,666,377,199** representing an **8% increase** compared to 2018. On 31st December 2019, SIS II contained a total of **91,069,599 alerts**, an 11% increase compared to 2018.

The largest alert category was "Issued document" (75.5% of the total alerts), whereas 1.08% were alerts on persons.


The **SIRENE Bureaux processed 283,713 hits**, an **increase of 6%** compared to 2018.

Public statistics can be accessed on eu-LISA's [website](http://www.eulisa.europa.eu).


6.6 billion searches in 2019
by Member States



91 million alerts
by end of December 2019



Over 283,000 hits processed
by SIRENE Bureaux in 2019



ABOUT eu-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Union Agency which ensures the uninterrupted operational management of the European Union's large-scale centralised IT systems, as well as their respective communication infrastructure; in the area of freedom, security and justice.

Currently managed systems include Eurodac, SIS II and VIS.

eu-LISA is developing: EES, ETIAS, Interoperability components and ECRIS-TCN.

On 28 December 2018, the new SIS Regulations - Regulation (EU) 2018/1860, Regulation (EU) 2018/1861 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 - entered into force. These will be fully applicable by the end of the implementation period 2019 – 2021.

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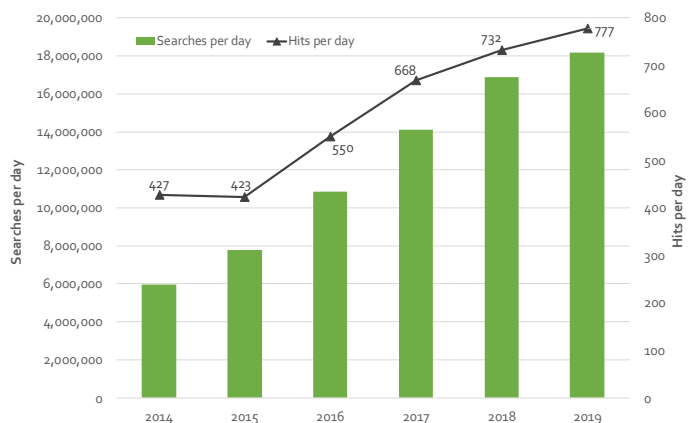


Figure 1: Total searches and hits per day 2014 - 2019

Source: eu-LISA