

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 in ensuring a high level of security within the EU through maintaining and safeguarding security in the Member States, as well as facilitating the free movement of people within the area.

The EU Member States currently connected to SIS II are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Associated Countries connected to SIS II are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. The authorities of Croatia, Cyprus and Ireland are currently preparing for their technical connection to SIS II.

## eu-LISA's role

eu-LISA provides 24/7 operational management for SIS II and, pursuant to Article 66(3) of the SIS II Decision 2007/533/JHA and Article 50(3) of the SIS II Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006, is required to publish annual statistics on:

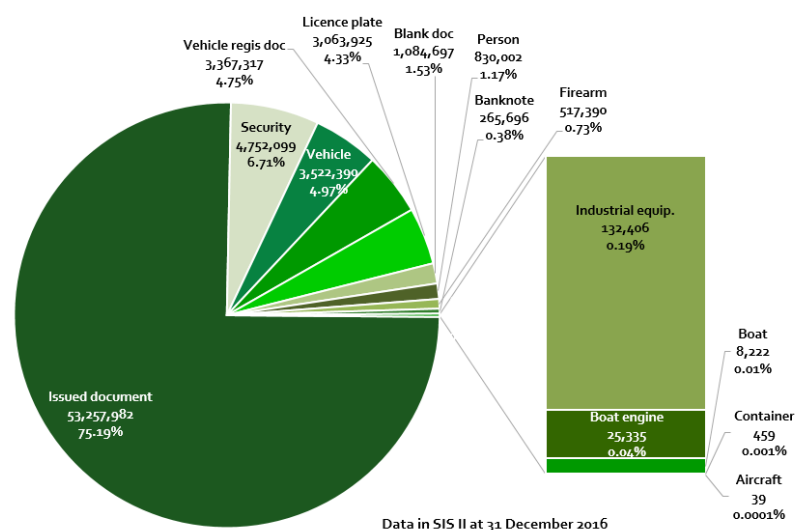
- the number of records per alert category
- the number of hits per alert category
- how many times SIS II was accessed in total and divided per Member State

## 2016 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 2016, **SIS II was accessed** a total of **3,983,457,108** times by Member States and Associated Countries.

On 31 December 2016, SIS II contained **70,827,959 alerts**, the largest category being *Issued document*, with over 75% of the total alerts. The **alerts on persons** were **830,002**.



A total of **200,778 hits** were reported in 2016, which represents an **increase of 30%** compared to the total amount of hits reported in 2015. More than **74%** of the reported hits were triggered by alerts on persons.

## About eu-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Agency that ensures 24/7 operational management of the European Union's (EU) largest IT systems and their respective communication infrastructures in the area of freedom, security and justice: Eurodac, SIS II and VIS. With information technology, eu-LISA safeguards the EU's internal security and supports the implementation of asylum, migration and border management policies for the benefit of citizens. [www.eulisa.europa.eu](http://www.eulisa.europa.eu)

\* This document is provided purely for information purposes, it highlights key points of the accompanying report "SIS II - 2016 statistics".