SIS II Supervision Coordination Group

18th meeting

Brussels, 25 November 2021

Summary

The Supervision Coordination Group of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) held its 18th meeting on 25 November 2021. The meeting took place online.

Discussions

The Group obtained updates on various aspects of the new SIS legal framework, including the information campaign, the state of play and developments concerning the legal and technical implementation, and the Schengen evaluation mechanism, from the European Commission.

The Commission informed the Group that it would not adopt the Decision to set the date for applicability of the 2018 SIS Regulations until 28 December 2021, since the legal conditions for the adoption were not fulfilled, including technical readiness of Member States and eu-LISA. In view of this information, the Group would still have to keep its activity beyond the statutory deadline.

The Group further received, at its invitation, an update from the Commission on the state of play of the legislative process for the new Schengen evaluation mechanism.

Furthermore, the Group was informed by the data protection officer of eu-LISA on the functioning of the SIS in recent months and new developments and engaged in Q&A with the DPO.

The Group discussed and adopted a 'Letter to the Commission and the co-legislators regarding the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013', as decided in the previous meeting. This contribution to the legislative process was designed as a joint letter with the VIS SCG, since the Schengen evaluations include visa procedures as well.

Regarding its ongoing work on SIS alerts pursuant to Article 36 of Council Decision 2007/533/JHA, the Group discussed the progress of national data protection authorities (DPA's) with regard to on-site inspections. Some members of the Group shared their experiences with this exercise.

Lastly, the Group discussed the way forward for SIS supervision coordination. It was decided to prepare for another meeting in June 2022, prior to the Group's dissolution. Members took note of the Chair's end of tenure and decided not to elect a new Chair, but to ask the Vice Chair to become Acting Chair for the remaining months.

Organisational issues

The next meeting of the SIS II SCG will be envisaged for June 2022.

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Secretariat of the SIS II SCG