

eu-LISA MANAGEMENT BOARD PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY

WHEN	29 June 2021
WHERE	Online video conference
WHAT	The 29th Management Board meeting

On Tuesday 29 June 2021, the Management Board of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) held its **29th meeting** in an online format.

The European Commission started by providing a comprehensive report on the **status of the legal proposals affecting the operations of eu-LISA**. This included the Schengen Strategy and the Schengen Evaluation proposal and progress made with SIS Recast, Eurodac Recast, VIS Recast, EES, ETIAS Consequential Amendments, ECRIS-TCN, e-CODEX, Interoperability and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum.

Slovenia presented **the priorities of the incoming Presidency of the EU** in the area of Justice and Home Affairs.

The Management Board adopted the **Annual Activity Report 2020**, a document that develops and outlines the contribution of eu-LISA to the EU in the domain of Justice and Home Affairs. The Board acknowledged the Agency's performance and considered that eu-LISA has achieved its objectives for 2020 as set out in its establishing regulation, progressed towards the goals and objectives established in the Agency's long-term strategy for 2018–2022 and delivered the results defined in the 2020 Annual Work Programme included in the Agency's Single Programming Document for 2020–2022, both in terms of outcomes and performance.

The Management Board also adopted its opinion on the **Final Annual Accounts 2020**. The Management Board considered that it has obtained sufficient assurance that the Final accounts present a true and fair view of the Agency's financial position as of 31 December 2020.

Other files submitted to the Board for adoption were **the Security and Business Continuity Plans for SIS and for VIS**.

The Executive Director of eu-LISA informed members of the Management Board on **the status of the implementation of the Annual Work Programme and budget for 2021**, which at the middle of the year is at an overall implementation rate of 35% for Commitment Appropriations and



almost 50% for Payment Appropriations. This level of budget implementation is considered normal for this time of the year. The European Commission complemented with the status update on the **negotiations for the budget 2022** and informed the MB about a transfer of posts from Frontex to eu-LISA for the period 2022 – 2024.

The status of **implementation of Interoperability**, with Entry into Operation scheduled for the end of 2023, was discussed. The tender procedure has been concluded and the contract has been awarded. The Management Board was informed about the **Interoperability Forum** held on 27 April, attended by many Management Board Members. The conclusions were presented around the areas of planning and governance, national legislation, resources, training and redesign of business processes. The next Forum is planned to take place in the end of October. eu-LISA gave a status update of the integrated planning, which takes into account the interdependencies of the planning for the different initiatives.

The Chairpersons of the **EES, ETIAS, Interoperability and ECRIS-TCN Programme Management Boards** (PMBs) and the Chairpersons of the respective Advisory Groups (AG) presented the discussions in the PMBs and AGs. The Management Board adopted decisions addressing different aspects of implementation of the new systems. Frontex presented the state of play of setting up the Central Unit (CU) and informed about national units.

The Chairpersons of the SIS II, Eurodac, VIS AGs informed the Management Board about the results and discussions in the respective AG meetings and at the SIS Recast Project Management Forum, held since the last regular MB meeting of March 2021. All systems are performing well, with very little downtime in the reporting period. Bulgaria and Romania will obtain passive access to the Visa Information System at the end of July 2021.

The Head of the Operational Department of eu-LISA presented the main results of the **Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020** for SIS II, VIS and Eurodac. The overall participation rate was very good, higher than in previous years. For VIS, the overall satisfaction rate increased from 91% to 97%. For SIS II, it decreased from 96% to 89%. For Eurodac, it increased from 98% to 99%. Action plans have been drawn up to deal with the key findings of the survey.

eu-LISA gave the state of play of **the Roadmap of Standardisation** concerning data quality. The action plan, on which eu-LISA has worked to support several EU Presidencies, was endorsed by the Council Working Party on Information Exchange (IXIM).

The Agency will move gradually towards implementation of the recommendations of the **'Uninterrupted Availability'** study, following a roadmap. The Agency has worked with a timeline that takes into account an active-active architecture for SIS and VIS. eu-LISA will create synergies where possible.

The Deputy Director presented the annual assessment on **the effectiveness of the Internal Control Framework**. The model used for the assessment has 5 components: the control environment, risk assessment, control activities, communication and monitoring. Linked to the 5 components are 17 principles and for eu-LISA these were linked to 64 monitoring criteria.



Among other various topics, the Management Board was informed about activities related to **the future governance model of the Agency, the EU Innovation Hub**, the first meeting of the **Working Group on Artificial Intelligence, bias in relation to facial recognition, updates on the Operational Agreement between the Agency and Austria** (where the backup site is located), as well as the regular reports from the Internal Auditor, the Data Protection Officer and the Security Officer.

An extraordinary Management Board meeting will be organised on **9 July 2021**.

The next regular Management Board meeting is planned to be held on **15 September 2021**.