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### **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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of : Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE / Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)  
on : 15 February 2013  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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#### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1463/1/13 REV 1, with the addition of some items under Any Other Business (see item 13 below).

#### **2. Report by the Presidency**

The Presidency gave an overview of the work carried out in the preparation and execution of the re-runs of the SIRENE Functional Test for those Member States who were not able to complete them within the original schedule.

The Presidency also reported on relevant subjects discussed at the meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH) on 6 February 2013, focusing on the agreement reached on the successful completion of the comprehensive tests by all Member States, the preparations for the entry into operation of SIS II (6214/13 SIS-TECH 25 SIRIS 22 COMIX 78) and the expected adoption by the JHA Council, on 7-8 March 2013, of the Council Decisions setting the switchover date (see 6429/1/13 REV 1 JAI 104 SIRIS 21 COMIX 101 OC 88).

Finally, the Presidency also provided information concerning the meetings of the SIRENE Training Committee and SIRENE Taskforce, which met under the umbrella of the SIRENE formation of the SIS/VIS Committee on 14 February 2013.

### **3. Financial Aspects**

#### **(a) Budget estimate for C.SIS installation and operation for 2013**

The Working Party adopted 5344/13 SIRIS 5 COMIX 27. The amount of EUR 2 601 500 will be charged to the C.SIS Budget for 2013.

#### **(b) Management report for 2011 on C.SIS installation and operation**

The Working Party adopted 6140/13 SIRIS 15 COMIX 74

#### **(c) C.SIS 1+ Project Status Report 132**

The Working Party adopted 6091/13 SIS-TECH 22 COMIX 68. The amount of EUR **6 010.31** will be charged to the C.SIS Budget for 2013.

### **4. SIS II**

#### **(a) State of play**

The Working Party received an update from the Commission on the progress of the SIS II project, which provided information concerning data migration, the successful conclusion of the Comprehensive Test and the SIRENE Functional Test, the technical readiness for entry into operation of SIS II, and the work that is being carried out on the SIRENE Manual.

#### **(b) Preparation for entry into operation**

The Working Party took note of the information provided by the GSC concerning the work that is being carried out to confirm the date of entry into operations for SIS II proposed by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH) and the state of play of the preparations of the Council Decisions fixing the date (9 April 2013) for entry into application of SIS II legal instruments<sup>1</sup>, as set out in 6840/1/13 REV 1 JAI 144 SIRIS 26 COMIX 121 OC 89 and 6841/1/13 JAI 145 SIRIS 27 COMIX 122 OC 90, that would be submitted to the Council (JHA) on 7 March 2013 for adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 of 20 December 2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007, on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) and on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)

## **5. SIRENE Functional Test**

### **(a) Validation of the test results**

The Presidency presented 6242/13 SIRIS 16 COMIX 83, confirming that all the participating Member States had successfully passed the SIRENE Functional Test, which comprised the original test campaign from 8 October 2012 to 30 November 2012 and the subsequent test re-runs for four Member States (Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland and Sweden), which took place from 28 January 2013 to 1 February 2013.

The Working Party confirmed the successful completion of the SIRENE Functional Test.

### **(b) Information of the European Parliament pursuant to Article 9(4) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1272/2012 and Council Regulation (EU) No 1273/2012, on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+)**

The Presidency presented a draft letter to be sent to the European Parliament in accordance with Article 9(4) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1272/2012 and Council Regulation (EU) No 1273/2012, on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (recast). The Working Party agreed with the wording of the letter and it will be sent to the European Parliament by the Presidency (see DS1128/13).

## **6. SIRENE Switchover**

### **(a) Additional informal Forms Test between SIRENE Bureaux**

The Presidency presented DS 1126/13 concerning additional SIRENE forms tests to be carried out by Member States. The Working Party took note of the proposed approach, which consists of informal and optional forms tests, with no impact on the procedures required (e.g. notification of readiness) for entry into operation of SIS II.

### **(b) Switchover and fallback procedures in the Member States**

The Working Party took note of 5898/13 SIRIS 11 COMIX 50, which aims to establish an overview of the various SIRENE Switchover Plans in each State participating in SIS 1+ and migrating to SIS II.

The Presidency reminded those Member States that had not replied to the questionnaire set out in the document presented to do so as soon as possible, in order to allow the creation of a simple guide to the SIRENE switchover processes and contingency measures in each Member State for use by SIRENE bureaux during the switchover process.

**(c) SIRENE switchover during the migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II**

The Working Party took note of DS 1127/13, with a proposal for a guide to the switchover plans of the Member States migrating to SIS II and recommendations for best practice in the event of switchover failure.

**7. DEBS - state of play of implementation**

The Working Party took note of 6135/13 SIRIS 14 COMIX 73 with the conclusions of the query addressed to Member States on the state of play of the implementation of DEBS v 1.3.1. and related schema v.3.2.5.

**8. Training issues**

**(a) Amendments of the SIS/SIRENE Best Practices and Recommendations Catalogue**

The Working Party agreed on 16096/2/12 REV 2 SIRIS 98 SCH-EVAL 172 COMIX 639 and also agreed to forward it to the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SCHEVAL), with a view to updating the Catalogue of recommendations for the correct application of the Schengen acquis and best practices (Schengen Information System) (see 13039/11 SCH-EVAL 126 SIRIS 79 COMIX 484). A revised version of this document would be issued in due course.

**b) Report from Training Committee – 14 February 2013**

The Working Party took note of a report made by CEPOL - European Police College.

**c) Invitation for CEPOL training course: "SIS II technical use for SIRENE trainers"**

The Working Party took note of 6350/13 SIRIS 17 COMIX 91 concerning an invitation received from CEPOL - European Police College for a training course. Delegations were invited to send their reply to CEPOL by 20 February 2013.

**9. Progress report EU-LISA (IT Agency)**

The Working Party took note of a presentation made by Mrs. Mailis Pukonen, Head of the General Coordination Unit at EU-LISA, focusing on the state of play of the Handover Plan, the Work Programmes for 2012 and 2013 and SIS/SIRENE training-related issues.

**10. Third-country nationals: lists of alerts**

The LT delegation presented 5800/12 SIRIS 10 PESC 103 RELEX 80 JAI 57 COMIX 45 RESTREINT UE, which analysed the replies of the Member States to the questionnaire set out in 9352/12 SIRIS 28 PESC 534 RELEX 386 JAI 296 COMIX 279 RESTREINT UE. A set of conclusions and recommendations were drawn up and a deadline for comments from Member States was set for 15 March 2013.

**11. Report on the application of Article 102A of CISA for 2011**

GSC presented 9217/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 26 SCHENGEN 28 ENFOPOL 122 COMIX 271.

The report on the application of Article 102A of CISA for 2011 will be revised and presented in the next meeting of the Working Party.

**12. SIRCOP evaluation**

In accordance with point 9 of the annex to 18210/10 SIRIS 183 ENFOPOL 377 COMIX 841, the Presidency presented 6134/13 SIRIS 13 ENFOPOL 31 COMIX 72. The Working Party took note of the assessment of the SIRCOP network for the first half-year of 2012.

**13. Any other business**

(a) The GSC invited the delegations to send any update to the Global SIS Document (9093/12 SIRIS 25 COMIX 262) to [sis.sirene@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:sis.sirene@consilium.europa.eu) by 15 March 2013.

(b) IT made a oral presentation of the state of play of the work that is being carried out in the context of the initiative on "Better use of SIS and SIRENE for the protection of children. Unaccompanied minors."

(c) Following a request from DK, DS 1839/12 (concerning Fact Sheet 18 on "Exploiting IT solutions in order to optimise the exchange of information") will be reissued and updated as an ST document. A deadline for comments was set for 15 March 2013, to be sent to [sis.sirene@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:sis.sirene@consilium.europa.eu).

**14. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared in the Mixed Committee**

The Mixed Committee was informed of the decisions taken by the Working Party.

Agenda item	Documents adopted
3 (a)	5344/13 SIRIS 5 COMIX 27
3 (b)	6140/13 SIRIS 15 COMIX 74
3 (c)	6091/13 SIS-TECH 22 COMIX 68
8 (a)	16096/2/12 REV 2 SIRIS 98 SCH-EVAL 172 COMIX 639

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