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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE/Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
on:	28 May 2013
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 2646/1/13 REV 1.

2. Report by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the relevant issues addressed by other configurations of the Working Party for Schengen Matters: "Schengen Evaluation" on 11 April 2013 and "SIS-TECH" on 18 April 2013 and 22 and 23 May 2013 (informal meeting). The Presidency also reported on the conclusion of the SIS II Intensive Monitoring Period on 8 May 2013, and its impact, namely the end of the log of known SIRENE technical issues which the Presidency had kept since SIS II's entry into operation on 9 April 2013.

3. Financial aspects

(a) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – first quarter of 2012

The Working Party adopted 11968/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 54 COMIX 413 which would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval.

(b) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – second quarter of 2012

The Working Party adopted 11969/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 55 COMIX 414 which would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval.

(c) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – third quarter of 2012

The Working Party adopted 8047/13 SIRIS 43 COMIX 220 which would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval.

(d) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – fourth quarter of 2012

The Working Party adopted 8116/13 SIRIS 47 COMIX 228 + COR 1 + COR 2 which would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval.

(e) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – situation as at 31 December 2012

The Working Party adopted 8117/13 SIRIS 48 COMIX 229 + COR 1 which would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval.

(f) Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – first quarter of 2013

The Working Party took note of 9029/13 SIRIS 56 COMIX 267. A deadline of 7 June 2013 was set for reactions from Member States. The document would be deemed adopted by that date if no comments are received from Member States, followed by confirmation at the next Working Party meeting

(g) JDC technical assistance for 2013

The Working Party took note of 9872/13 SIS-TECH 53 COMIX 308 and agreed to consider it approved following its adoption by silent procedure within the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS-TECH). The amount of € 48 748.96 for January 2013, and € 95 644.12 from February to April 2013, would be charged to the C.SIS installation budget for 2013.

(h) 2013 SISNET amending budget No 1

The Working Party took note of 9500/1/13 REV 1 SIRIS 59 VISA 103 COMIX 283. A deadline of 7 June 2013 was set for reactions from Member States. The document would be deemed adopted by that date if no comments are received from Member States, followed by confirmation at the next Working Party meeting.

4. SIS II

State of play following the conclusion of the intensive monitoring period on 8 May 2013

The COM informed delegations that, following the successful conclusion of the switchover for SIS II, the management of the system had been transferred to eu-LISA and that a new SIS II governance based on committee procedure was in place.

CZ requested information about the variation of the statistical data on hits following the entry into operation of SIS II, which are available at CIRCA, and suggested that delegations analyse their national statistics on SIS II hits.

5. Report on the application of Article 102A of CISA for 2012 and 2013

The General Secretariat of the Council invited delegations to send, by 28 June 2013, their statistical data for the period from 1 January 2013 to 8 April 2013. Delegations were also informed that the reports on the application of Article 102A of CISA for 2012 and 2013 would be presented in the forthcoming Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) in July.

6. Consultation procedure in accordance with Article 25 of CISA when issuing an alert in the SIS for the purpose of refusing entry

SI presented the 8485/13 SIRIS 54 COMIX 244 + ADD 1 and informed the delegations that it would present a detailed analysis of the replies received at a forthcoming meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE).

7. Better use of SIS and SIRENE for the protection of children - unaccompanied minors.

IT presented DS 1462/13 and informed the Working Party of the latest developments concerning the "Pilot Project on unaccompanied minors 2012". IT provided information on the implementing activities planned to take place in the framework of the project, which would include study visits, workshops and conferences. Detailed information about the scheduled activities would be provided to the Working Party in the future.

8. Project Good FAITH

IT presented 9700/13 SIRIS 59 ENFOPOL 141 COMIX 294 concerning the activities managed by Italy during the period of implementation of the project and the result of the queries made to the Member States in previous meetings of the Working Party. IT also proposed the amendment of points 4.2 and 4.3 of the SIS/SIRENE Best Practices Catalogue. Following an exchange of views, a deadline for comments from Member States was set for 14 June 2013.

9. Exchange of SIRENE forms pursuant to Article 24 of the SIS II Regulation

EL orally presented to the Working Party some concerns and practical difficulties within the national SIRENE Bureaux regarding the exchange of forms pursuant to Article 24 of the SIS II Regulation, on the "Conditions for issuing alerts on refusal of entry or stay". After a brief exchange of views, the Working Party agreed to forward this issue to the SIS/VIS Committee (SIRENE formation) for further discussion.

10. Communication channel for police cooperation purposes

CZ presented DS 1464/13 with a proposal for the temporary replacement of SISNET mail by sTESTA Mail Service for information exchange for police cooperation purposes.

EL also expressed its concerns on this regard and reiterated the necessity to find a solution for this issue.

The Presidency informed the delegations that this matter was being discussed within the Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX). Nevertheless, it acknowledged that this was a horizontal issue that also concerned the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) and urged delegations to coordinate their position at national level and set a deadline for possible reactions at SIS/SIRENE level by 4 June 2013.

11. Information from Presidency regarding the Heads of SIRENE meeting in Dublin - 18 and 19 June 2013

The Presidency provided additional information to the Working Party concerning the Heads of SIRENE meeting, due to take place in Dublin on 18 and 19 June 2013.

12. Preparation of the accession of Croatia

In preparation for the upcoming accession of Croatia to the EU, the Croatian representative reminded delegations to delete the records of Croatian citizens from the national databases.

13. Presentation of the incoming Lithuanian Presidency

The incoming LT Presidency announced its priorities:

- Revision of the SIS/SIRENE WP remit;
- Adjustment of competences between SIS/SIRENE WP and other actors;
- Continuity – remaining issues.

Under the LT Presidency, the Working Party would meet on 15 July 2013, 23 September 2013, 19 November 2013 and 17 December 2013. The Heads of SIRENE meeting was scheduled for 15 to 17 October 2013.

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

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

Agenda item	Documents adopted
3 a	11968/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 54 COMIX 413
3 b	11969/1/12 REV 1 SIRIS 55 COMIX 414
3 c	8047/13 SIRIS 43 COMIX 220
3 d	8116/13 SIRIS 47 COMIX 228 + COR 1 + COR 2
3 e	8117/13 SIRIS 48 COMIX 229 + COR 1