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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	National Parliaments
Subject:	Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Iceland (revisit) on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border

In accordance with Article 15(3) of Council Regulation [1053/2013](#) of 7 October 2013, establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen, the Council hereby transmits to national Parliaments the Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Iceland (revisit) on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border¹.

¹ Available in all official languages of the European Union on the Council public register, doc. [11607/20](#)

Council Implementing Decision setting out a

RECOMMENDATION

on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Iceland (revisit) on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen¹, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The purpose of this Decision is to recommend to Iceland remedial actions to address the new deficiencies identified during the Schengen evaluation revisit in the field of management of the external border carried out in 2019. Following the evaluation, a report covering the findings and assessments, listing best practices and deficiencies identified during the evaluation was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 2000.
- (2) In light of the importance of complying with the Schengen acquis, in particular the checking procedures of person on entry, it is relevant to remedy each of the deficiencies identified with the least possible delay. Therefore no indication of priority for implementation of the recommendations should be given.

¹ OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27.

- (3) This Decision should be transmitted to the European Parliament and to the parliaments of the Member States. Within three months of its adoption, Iceland should, pursuant to Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, establish an action plan listing all recommendations to remedy any deficiencies identified in the evaluation report and provide that action plan to the Commission and the Council,

RECOMMENDS:

that Iceland should

European Integrated Border Management:

1. increase the number of staff in the Border Management Unit and provide them with coordination powers to be able to efficiently ensure the implementation of their tasks for sustainable development of the border management functions;

Border checks:

2. ensure that the third country national who is refused entry is informed about the authority with which he or she can lodge an appeal and the deadline for lodging such an appeal;
3. ensure that I-Fado (False and Authentic Documents Online) or another similar data base of forged and genuine specimens of documents is available to border guards in the first and the second line of border checks;
4. ensure that border checks on EU citizens are carried out fully in line with Article 8(2) of the Schengen Borders Code;

5. ensure that the authenticity of the chip data of passports containing a storage medium is checked in line with Article 8(2)(i) of the Schengen Borders Code;
6. ensure that the procedure in the event of revocation or annulment of a visa is carried out in accordance with Article 34(5) of the Visa Code;
7. bring the procedures of performing border checks on cruise ships in line with Article 8 and point 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 of Annex VI of the Schengen Borders Code.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President
