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35th meeting of the Eurodac Advisory Group
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European Union Agency for the Operational
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**Summary of the
35th meeting of the Eurodac Advisory Group of eu-LISA
3 December 2020, videoconference**

At the meeting of the **Eurodac Advisory Group (EAG) of eu-LISA, held on 3 December 2020** the Agency updated participants on Eurodac's operational status and the implementation of the ongoing projects related to the system development. eu-LISA informed the EAG members that the two-year mandate of AG chairperson will end with the current meeting. Member States were invited to propose their candidates for the election of a new chairperson in spring 2021. The Commission informed EAG about the state-of-play of the negotiations on the Eurodac recast regulation. Status updates were provided on the work of the Interoperability AG, migration of the Eurodac Interest Group to eu-LISA's SharePoint, the schedule for Integrated Planning, the draft Single Programming Document 2022–2024 and Brexit-related matters.

eu-LISA gave an update on the **operational status of Eurodac**, including the overview of statistics. In the period from April to the end of October 2020 no new peaks in the incoming traffic were noted. Due to Brexit the UK data in Eurodac will be deleted and the volume of operations is expected to drop. Member States (MS) were requested to address the operational issues and delays in fingerprint registrations. Four MS that are not yet connected to Service Manager 9 (SM9 - a tool used by eu-LISA and MS for ticketing and tracking issues as well as service requests) were encouraged to complete the integration engaging their national counterparts.

eu-LISA informed the Advisory Group about the **implementation status of the projects: Eurodac release 2_2020** (OS upgrade and security patching) is planned to **enter into operation in April 2021**; **Eurodac security documentation** is ready and the **project is in the finalisation stage**; preliminary assessments are ongoing for the **Storage as a Service Project** and a re-assessment will be performed after Brexit. The Agency noted that daily operations, monitoring and troubleshooting are impacted by COVID-19, however, business continuity is ensured.

The European Commission provided EAG an **update on negotiations on Eurodac recast regulation**. It was noted that the proposal has been discussed in the Council where it was very well received. In parallel, the European Parliament (EP) is preparing its report on the proposal to be endorsed by LIBE Committee and EP plenary. Thereafter, negotiations between EP and Council will start.

eu-LISA gave an **update about work of the Interoperability Advisory Group (IO AG)**, focusing on the interoperability components of highest relevance for Eurodac i.e. Common Identity Repository (CIR) and shared Biometric Matching Service (sbMS). The chair of IO AG highlighted the **main benefits of interoperability for the Eurodac community**: Eurodac users will be able to query multiple systems at once; the results of the queries will be more thorough detecting possible multiple identities; Common Repository for Reporting and Statistics (CRRS) will contain statistics on Eurodac and allow MS authorities to extract statistical reports, e.g. for assessing and enhancing data quality.

The Agency informed EAG that the **migration of Eurodac Interest Group (EIG)** from CIRCABC to the

eu-LISA SharePoint platform is well on track and the data transfer has been completed. Parallel access will end in the beginning of January 2021 when EIG will no longer be accessible via CIRCABC.

In addition, eu-LISA presented the changes to the **eu-LISA draft Single Planning Document (SPD) 2022–2024** subsequent to the comments received from AGs and the Commission. EAG gave its positive opinion on the current version of the SPD. In January 2021, the document will be submitted to the Management Board for approval, with the final adoption being scheduled for November 2021.

Moreover, the approach and timeline of the three phases in the development of **Integrated Planning** were presented in detail. EAG was informed that the Integrated Planning external dashboard will be provided following the meeting and updated periodically, taking into account the AGs' feedback.

Linked to eu-LISA's mandate in the operational management of DubliNet, the Agency provided feedback on the **Thematic Expert Meeting on DubliNet** and Dublin technical systems on 9-10 November and the 9th Steering Group of the **EASO Network of Dublin Units** on 19-26 November.

eu-LISA informed the Eurodac Advisory Group about the upcoming launch of the **2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey** on 18 January 2021, with a deadline for replies from Member States on 26 February 2021. The results will be presented at the EAG meeting on 6 May 2021.

EAG took note of **Brexit updates** by eu-LISA and the Commission. The UK will be disconnected from Eurodac on 31 December 2020 at 23.00 GMT through a range of measures and the UK records will be deleted. As of 1 January 2021 the UK data will not be visible for the remaining 31 Eurodac users.

The next meeting of the Eurodac Advisory Group is scheduled for **2 March 2021**, via videoconference.