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Delegations will find attached a summary of the 37th meeting of eu-LISA's Eurodac Advisory Group.

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6 May 2021

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37th meeting of the Eurodac Advisory Group of eu-LISA

6 May 2021, videoconference

At the meeting of the **Eurodac Advisory Group (EAG) of eu-LISA, held on 6 May 2021**, eu-LISA updated participants on Eurodac's operational status and the implementation of the ongoing projects related to the operational management of the system. The European Commission informed EAG about the state-of-play of the negotiations on the Eurodac recast regulation. In addition, an update was provided on logical deletions, Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020, Eurodac certificate renewal and the 10th Steering Group meeting of the EASO Network of Dublin Units.

eu-LISA gave an update on the **operational status of Eurodac**, including the overview of statistics and open issues. It was highlighted that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is clearly visible in the statistics covering the period from February to March 2021. The Member States were requested to address operational issues in fingerprint registration. Some progress was noted regarding the connection of Member States to Service Manager 9, while three Member States were encouraged to complete the integration.

EAG took note of the **status of the implementation of the ongoing projects related to Eurodac**. The Operating System upgrade and security patching is foreseen to enter into operation in July 2021. The project to improve business and system checks as well as the Steria National Access Point (NAP) Fingerprint Image Transmission (FIT) simulator project have been finished. The projects to migrate Eurodac storage and Eurodac's backup solution to Common Shared Infrastructure (CSI) storage have been moved under the redesign project, the Eurodac redesign project being in Phase 1 (architecture design). The system's Detailed Technical Specifications are foreseen to be delivered before the end of Q3 of 2021 and the Phase 2 (implementation) is expected to be finalised by Q4 of 2022.

Thereafter, the European Commission provided an update on the negotiations of the **recast Eurodac Regulation**. It was noted that the negotiations between the co-legislators had not resumed yet. The European Parliament is taking the necessary steps for the adoption of an updated mandate.

Furthermore, eu-LISA presented the follow-up on **logical deletions** as **recommended by EDPS**, which concerns the automatic physical deletion of the fingerprints beyond certain retention periods. The consequences of unprocessed broadcasts and of removing broadcast controls were also explained. On this occasion, the Member States were encouraged to verify all the hits and process Information Messages in due time.

EAG was informed about the **Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020**, highlighting that 28 out of 31 Member States and Associated Countries replied to it with a very high satisfaction rate (99%) and that 17 out of 25 questions in the survey received only positive feedback. The areas that need improvement will receive special attention. An action plan was defined, the implementation of corrective measures has started and will continue throughout the year.

In addition, eu-LISA informed EAG about the state of play regarding the **Eurodac certificate renewal**, which is carried out in three phases. The new certificates will remain valid for two years.

Finally, eu-LISA reported about the **10th Steering Group meeting of the EASO Network of Dublin Units**, which was held in two sessions in March 2021 via video-conferencing. eu-LISA contributed to several sessions, where the readiness of the Member States for deployment of stronger encryption keys was emphasised.

The next meeting of the Eurodac Advisory Group will take place on **30 September 2021.**