2nd JHAAN meeting, 21 June 2021

TOUR DE TABLE – EU-LISA

1. New systems and interoperability state-of-play

EES (Entry/Exit System)
- EES is in the development and testing phase. All activities for reaching EES Entry into Operation (EiO) by May 2022 are going on at full speed. Extraordinary MB will discuss the revised planning on 9 July 2021.
- VIS-EES interoperability, EES Web Services as well as the interface of the EES to CRRS are progressing, while all NUIs are deployed at all MS.
- According to the latest evaluation questionnaire, most Member States, Europol and Frontex are on track/nearly on track with their EES preparations.

ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System)
- ETIAS is in the development phase, with all the preparation activities closed. The aim is to finalise the ETIAS Central System by December 2022.
- Procurement is finished and contractor is in place.
- Work on the design of the system is ongoing and planned to be finalised in in the coming months.
- Preparations for launching the central procurement of appropriate Audio/Video tools (for interviews that might occur at consular level) by Q4 of 2021 are ongoing.
- First mock-ups of the EES/ETIAS public web-site were presented and work is ongoing.
- On ETIAS Consequential Amendments (having an impact on EES, VIS, ECRIS-TCN and SIS) the political agreement was reached in March 2021 and the formal adoption is expected to take place in July 2021.

Interoperability (IO)
- Preparatory work is on track, and the overall IO timeline is the end of 2023.
- sBMS will be available for MS compliance test activities as from Q3 2021.
- Development of other IO components - ESP, CIR and MID - is in the preparatory phase. The tender procedure is being finalised shortly and the contract should be signed in early July 2021.
- Vast majority of MS have started with their IO implementation plan.

ECRIS-TCN
- The evaluation of offers for the tender to choose the contractor is ongoing. Once finished, the signature of the evaluation will take place and the award is planned by the end of July 2021.
- Development work will start thereafter, at the latest in the beginning of August.
- The work on the ECRIS-TCN Implementing Acts is on track.
- It is important also for the purpose of ECRIS-TCN to adopt the VIS and ETIAS consequential amendments, expected by the end of July.

e-CODEX
- On 7 June the JHA Council approved a general approach on the regulation on cross-border judicial tool e-CODEX, which foresees handing over its operational management to eu-LISA. The Agency is set to take over operational management of the system as of 1 July 2023.
- eu-LISA is making preparations to take over responsibility for the management of the connector software, the digital procedural standards and the supporting software products, documentation and related assets.

2. **Existing systems state-of-play**
   - **SIS Recast** development is ongoing. Currently the Central System is under testing that will continue througout the year. The intention is to ensure the full implementation of SIS in the first half of 2022.
   - **VIS revised regulation** is adopted and will be published in the Official Journal in July 2021.

3. **New cooperation agreements** (to implement bilateral Working Arrangements):
   - Frontex-eu-LISA Cooperation Plan 2021-2023 being drafted; new Working Arrangement between the Agencies will be elaborated due to the expanded mandate of both Agencies, based on their revised Regulations.
   - Eurojust-eu-LISA Cooperation Plan 2021-2023 is being finalised.
   - CEPOL-eu-LISA Cooperation Agreement 2021 on training is at consultation phase.
   - eu-LISA is drafting the Working Arrangement with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to facilitate the process of registration of air carriers by eu-LISA with a view to the implementation of EES and ETIAS. Feedback is expected from EASA.

4. **New Working Group in eu-LISA**
   - A WG on Artificial Intelligence was established in February 2021. It is an informal advisory body set up by the Agency and involving experts from the European Commission, Member States' authorities and from the relevant EU Agencies.
   - Its first meeting took place on 11 May. The WG will have four meetings per year.

5. **Events**
   - eu-LISA Industry Roundtable *Contactless Travel in Post-COVID Times: Enhancing the EU Security Ecosystem* under PT Presidency took place on 1-2 June 2021. More info available here: https://www.eulisaroundtable.eu/
   - eu-LISA Annual Conference under SI PRES on 27 October 2021.