

EPRIS status report

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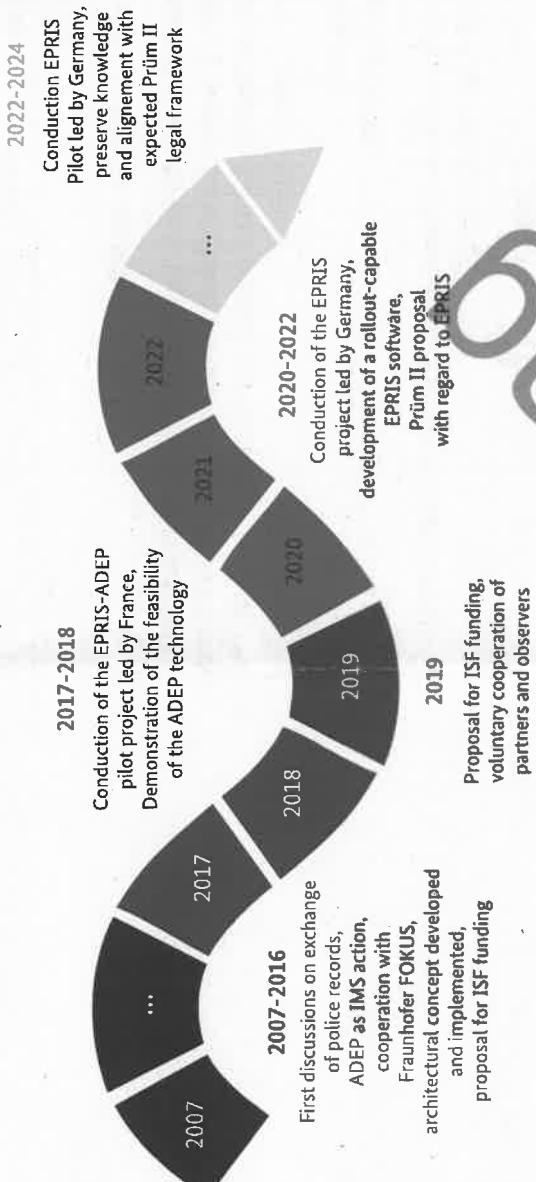


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Evolution



Facts on the EPRIS project

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| Project title: | European Police Records Index System (EPRIS) |
| Project manager: | ██████████ (BKA – Germany) |
| Project duration: | 1 st of February 2020 to 30 th of June 2022 (29 months) |
| Project partners: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six beneficiaries: Belgium (Police Federale Belge), Finland (Poliisihallitus), France (Ministère de l'Intérieur), Germany (Bundeskriminalamt and Bundesministerium des Innern und für Heimat), Ireland (An Garda Síochána) and Spain (Ministerio del Interior) • Europol (no beneficiary – Letter of Support) |
| Observers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungary (Belügymintiszterium) • The Netherlands (Nationale Politie) |
| External project partners: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (short: Fraunhofer FOKUS) • PD – Berater der öffentlichen Hand GmbH (short: PD) |
| Maximum grant amount: | 927,439.35 € |

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All objectives of the project could be achieved

- 1 Stabilisation
- 2 Matching Behaviour
- 3 Building Trust
- 4 Automation
- 5 More Partners
- 6 Central Services

Stabilization of the ADEP software solution and processes

Definition and implementation of the EPRIS matching behaviour

Building trust into the system through testing and evaluation

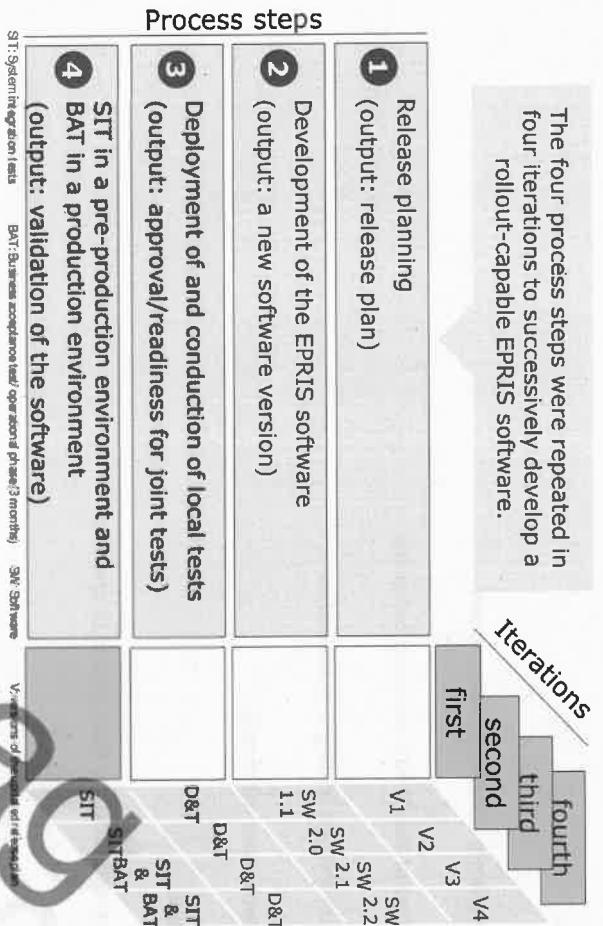
Process improvement towards more automation

Involvement of more partners

Planning the transition of central services from project to operation

Methodology of the EPRIS project

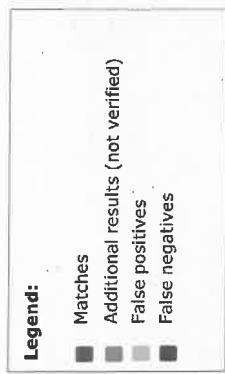
The four process steps were repeated in four iterations to successively develop a rollout-capable EPRIS software.



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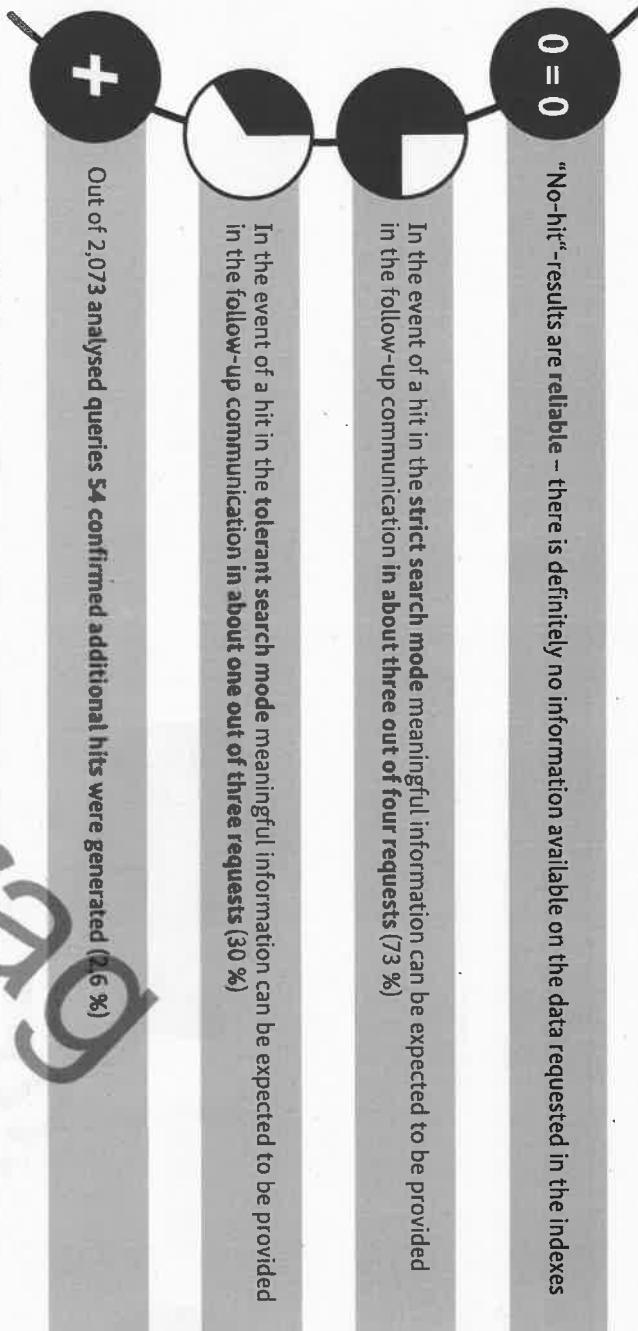
Key results of two phases of Business Acceptance Tests (BAT)

| | 1st phase: BAT 1a | 2nd phase: BAT 1b |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Participants | Spain, Germany, France, Finland | Spain, Germany, France, Finland, Ireland |
| Duration | four months (June – October 2021) | three months (mid February – mid May 2022) |
| No. of SIENA cases | 175 | 225 (175 BAT 1a + 50 new cases) |
| No. of individual person data sets | 350 | 570 |



Key results of the representative tests (BAT 1b)

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Further results of the representative tests

Processes
The defined BAT processes and workflows, which have been designed close to operative business processes of EPRIS, worked well

Central services
The BAT also demonstrated that the availability of central services, such as Europol Operations Network (EON) and SIENA, are in line with the requirements; they ran flawlessly during the whole time

Availability
A high availability of the MS' EPRIS systems was measured in the period from March to May 2022 during the BAT 1b phase

Response time
Tuning of the countries' infrastructure and databases led to improved response times

Further development
The BAT identified potential for further development in terms of the preparation and conduction of other BAT, the EPRIS software and the de-centralised EPRIS infrastructure

Operational benefits of EPRIS

Significantly fostering law enforcement by closing gaps in current information landscape

Safeguarding investigations since no sensitive data during the request process and through stronger control in information sharing

Releasing law enforcement staff from insignificant tasks

Increasing efficiency by better supporting automation of business processes

Improved support of current and future investigations by strengthening Europol databases

Data protection requirements are better effectuated by law enforcement

Data protection benefits of EPRIS

Integrity & Confidentiality

Privacy by design and default (Art. 25 GDPR) through pseudonymisation of personal data; information exchange in existing secure environments, only; initial requests include only non-identifying data and are processed in requested MS by computers only, avoiding disclosing sensitive personal data



Data Minimisation

No central data storage; sensitive personal data will only be shared after evaluation by the requesting MS in the aftermath of a hit notification; re-use of data already existing in the law enforcement domain (in the other MS) avoids additional (potentially intrusive) measures to gather the information needed; decrease of not strictly necessary storage of personal data for administrative purposes, only



Data accuracy

Automation of processing of data with less human intervention avoids media breaks and human errors (misting, etc.) and leads in consequence to higher data quality; more cross-border links can be identified, allowing data owners to share valid, current and comprehensive data incl. with Europol



Accountability

Business processes are fully transparent, allowing efficiently backtracking of the data processed and evaluating the justification of such processing, thus fostering effective collaborative data protection control



EPRIS as part of the Prüm II proposal

"While the work on the router starts as a new project, the work on EPRIS should build on the current ADEP-EPRIS project"

(Source: I.4.4. Indicators of performance of the Prüm II draft of 8 December 2021 (page 49))

- The French Presidency hosted a conference dedicated to the topic of EPRIS on 31st May/ 1st June 2022 in Strasbourg, where the relevance and importance of exchanging police records following the EPRIS approach could be substantiated and emphasised
- In the aftermath of the conference Italy and Norway expressed their interest to participate
- Thanks to the French Presidency the Prüm II proposal with regard to EPRIS was specified in the General approach
- The French delegation has carried out a comprehensive legal analysis of the text with reference to the EPRIS process model (to be shared with IXIM delegations)

| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
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| General approach adopted | Triologue | | Proposal adopted | Start of implementation | Start of operations | |

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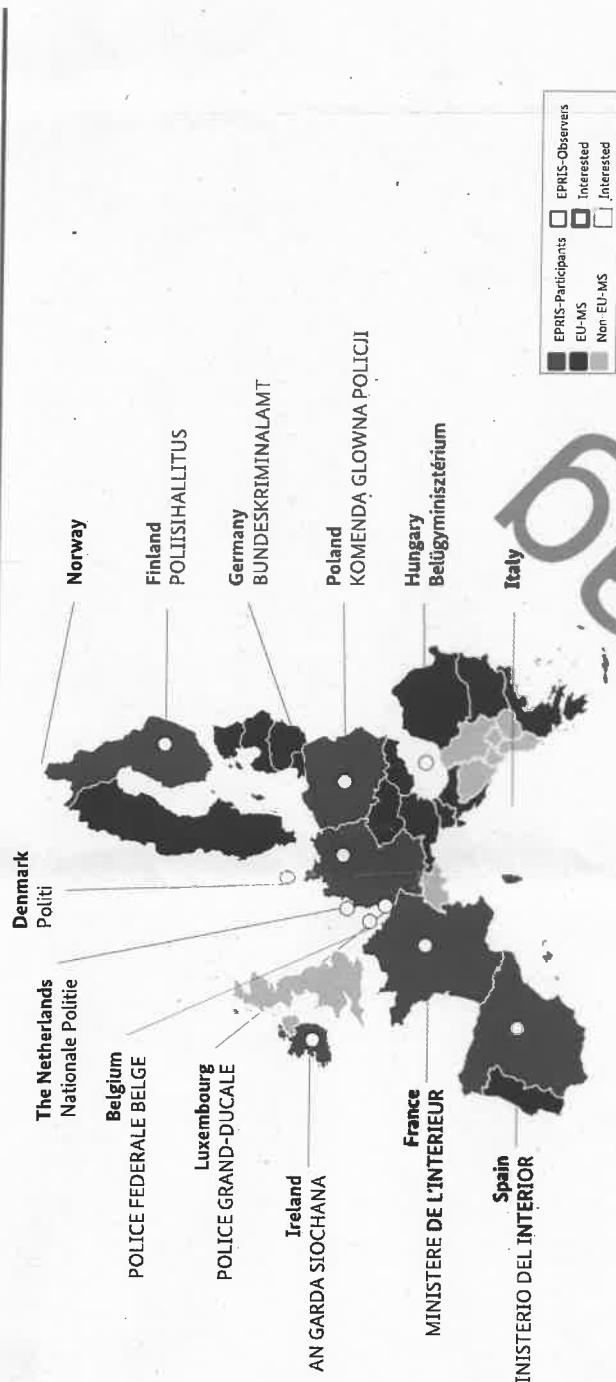
Facts on the upcoming EPRIS project

| Project title: | EPRIS Pilot | |
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| Project manager: | [REDACTED] (BKA – Germany) | |
| Project duration: | October 2022 to September 2024 (24 months) | |
| Project partners: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven beneficiaries: Finland (Poliisihallitus), France (Ministere de L'Interieur), Germany (Bundeskriminalamt), Ireland (An Garda Siochana), Luxembourg (Police Grand-Ducal), Poland (Komenda Główna Policji) and Spain (Ministerio del Interior) • Europol (no beneficiary – Letter of Support) | |
| Observers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgium (Police Federale Belge) • Denmark (Politiet) • Hungary (Belügyminisztérium) • Norway • The Netherlands (Nationale Politie) | |
| External project partners: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (short: Fraunhofer FOKUS) • PD – Berater der öffentlichen Hand GmbH (short: PD) | |
| Available EU budget: | 750,000.00 € | |

Main scope of upcoming third project – EPRIS Pilot

- 1 Expertise & Knowledge
 - Preserving and building-up specific expertise and technical knowledge
- 2 Alignment with Prüm II
 - Specification of Prüm II and further requirements during legislative process already
 - Refining the technical solution and business processes
 - Development and implementation of Europol's future role as central service provider for EPRIS
- 3 More partners
 - Deployment and testing of EPRIS in a pre-production environment by Luxembourg and Poland
 - Involvement of Belgium, Denmark, Hungary and the Netherlands as observers
 - Potentially onboard of Italy and Norway
 - More external communication
- 4 Piloting
 - Testing the rollout-capable EPRIS system for the exchange of police records in an operational environment by three partners at least

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