On Tuesday 25 January 2022, the Management Board of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) held its 33rd meeting in an online format.

The Executive Director (ED) started the meeting by referring to the Conclusions of the meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council held on 9 December 2021, where the new planning for SIS Recast, EES, ETIAS and ECRIS-TCN Entry into Operation was agreed to. During said meeting, the decision was taken to stick to the target of readiness of the Interoperability framework in December 2023. The ED conveyed the message that the focus now has to be on the delivery, rather than on reasons why this will be difficult, such as conflicts with contractors or the delays in hardware supply chains. The European Commission seconded this message.

The ED then gave a comprehensive overview of the revised planning related to the building blocks for the Interoperability architecture and a status update of the SIS Recast, VIS, EES, ETIAS and ECRIS-TCN systems. The Commission informed the meeting that an Interoperability Forum will be organised on 29 April 2022.

The Chairpersons of the EES-ETIAS, ECRIS-TCN and Interoperability Advisory Groups (AGs) informed the MB about the latest state of play in their respective groups, followed by brief reports from the respective Chairpersons of the Programme Management Boards. These reports were followed by information provided by the SIS II and VIS AG Chairpersons.

During a tour de table, EU Member States, Associated Countries and JHA Agencies present at the Management Board meeting provided information on the readiness for EES, ETIAS, SIS Recast and Interoperability at national levels.

The Management Board adopted the draft Single Programming Document 2023-2025 (SPD). The draft SPD will be sent to the Commission for their formal opinion and subsequently proposed for adoption in November 2022.

The next eu-LISA Management Board meeting is planned to be held on 23 and 24 March 2022 in Tallinn.