SIS II – 2017 statistics*

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The Schengen Information System - SIS II - has since its establishment been the main compensatory measure for the abolition of internal border checks in the Schengen Area. The system plays an important role in ensuring a high level of security within the EU through maintaining and safeguarding security in the Member States, as well as facilitating the free movement of people within the area.

The EU Member States currently connected to SIS II are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia (connected as of 27 June 2017), the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Associated Countries connected to SIS II are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. The authorities of Cyprus and Ireland are currently preparing for their technical connection to SIS II.

eu-LISA's role

eu-LISA ensures the operational management of SIS II thus guaranteeing the continuous, uninterrupted exchange of data between national authorities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

eu-LISA is also responsible for providing training in specific fields to national SIS II operators, SIRENE staff and Schengen evaluators. Moreover, eu-LISA is tasked with managing the accession of new Member States and authorised bodies to SIS II.

As per Article 66(3) of the SIS II Decision 2007/533/JHA and Article 50(3) of the SIS II Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006, the Agency is required to publish annual statistics on:

- the number of records per alert category
- the number of hits per alert category
- how many times SIS II was accessed in total and divided per Member State
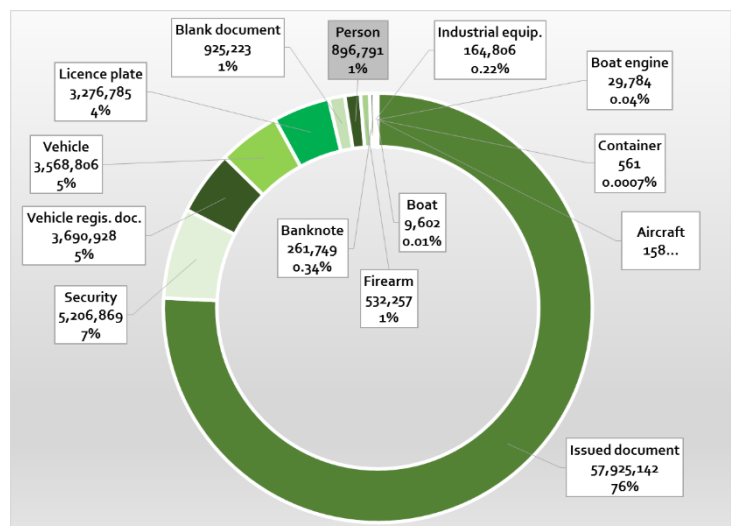
2017 statistics

The data presented is a collection of statistical data received from Member States and Associated Countries, together with data available from the Central SIS II.

In 2017, **SIS II was accessed a total of 5,173,194,992 times** by Member States and Associated Countries, which represents an **increase of 30% compared to 2016**

On 31 December 2017, **SIS II contained 76,489,461 alerts**, the largest category being "Issued document", with 76% of the total alerts. There were 896,791 alerts on persons.

A total of **243,818 hits were reported in 2017,** which represents an **increase of almost 21.5% compared to 2016.** More than 77% of the reported hits for 2017 were triggered by alerts on persons.

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eu-LISA is the European Agency that ensures 24/7 operational management of the European Union's (EU) largest IT systems and their respective communication infrastructures in the area of freedom, security and justice: Eurodac, SIS II and VIS. With information technology, eu-LISA safeguards the EU's internal security and supports the implementation of asylum, migration and border management policies for the benefit of citizens. https://eulisa.europa.eu