

## Press Release

### eu-LISA nominated for EU Public Sector Award 2021

The headquarters building of eu-LISA in Tallinn, Estonia has been selected among the four best EU Public Administration projects for the European Public Sector Award ([EPSA](#)) 2021 competition which took place today in Maastricht.

The Agency's headquarters is an innovative building which combines modern and ergonomic collaboration spaces in a green and sustainable infrastructure. *"With its unique approach, the eu-LISA headquarters help foster cultural change for greener public administration services and are an inspiring example for other EU and national public bodies. We are very grateful to EPSA for the acknowledgment that recognises the work done by the Agency and its staff and encourages us to do even better in the future"*, said **the Deputy Executive Director of eu-LISA, Luca Tagliaretti**

The headquarters were built throughout 2017 and 2018 by the Estonian State Real Estate Ltd (RKAS) and by the construction company Fund Ehitus and designed specifically to host eu-LISA.

*"This project is an example of a truly efficient and effective collaboration at European level. It was possible thanks to the open, transparent, engaged and creative collaboration between the Estonian government, eu-LISA, the city of Tallinn and the construction companies"*, added Tagliaretti.

eu-LISA looks even further and sets new ambitious goals to continue exploring, testing and introducing new technologies and materials for greener public administration in Europe at its premises in Tallinn and Strasbourg. With the help of EIPA, the Agency plans to create a common EU knowledge management platform for public administrations across the EU. This platform will be instrumental in sharing experience and best practice in the area of digital resource management, the use of new technological solutions and materials as well as capacity building and change management.

## Background

The EPSA 2021 project is designed to support the EU's public administration sector with the adoption of innovative and smart approaches to the design, planning and implementation of reform policies across a range of areas. In the final stage of the competition the three best projects in three categories (Innovation, Green and Digital) were announced. The Europe-wide award scheme has been organised every two years since 2009 by the European Institute of Public Administration ([EIPA](#)).

The European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) was established in 2011 in order to provide a long-term solution for IT-driven internal security and to support the implementation of asylum, migration and border management policies in Europe. Since then, eu-LISA has run [Eurodac](#), [SIS](#) and [VIS](#) and has been providing Member State authorities with the expert training needed to help them with the constant exchange of information across Europe. Thanks to the trust eu-LISA has fostered over the years, we are now developing [EES](#), [ETIAS](#) and [ECRIS-TCN](#) and ensuring interoperability between all six IT-systems, in order to take EU internal security and border management to the next level.

- eu-LISA new HQ - [Cornerstone Ceremony](#) 29.09.2017
- eu-LISA HQ [inauguration](#) 19.08.2018

- [“Our bonds are our strengths”](#)

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