Mr Krum Garkov ● *Executive Director*

Mr Krum Garkov is the Executive Director of eu-LISA since 1 November 2012.

He has more than 15 years of cross-cultural experiences spanning the public and private sectors, complemented by two Master degrees in the area of information technology and a MBA.

Mr Garkov is a goal-oriented, innovative technology strategist driving large-scale global operations to optimize IT portfolio management and operational efficiency.

From 2007 until taking up the ED post in eu-LISA Mr Garkov was Operations Director for the *Experian Group ltd.*, a leading global information provider serving the finance industry. He commanded all delivery centre operations and ensured the alignment of technology solutions with business objectives across Europe, Middle East, Africa and India.

Prior to that, Mr Garkov worked as a Program Manager at *Hewlett Packard*, a major technology company, where he was responsible for key program initiatives, including a large-scale data centre consolidation and application portfolio consolidation and integration.

From 2003 to 2006 he served the Bulgarian *National Revenue Agency* as a CIO, where he delivered several successful initiatives, including country-wide implementation of a new core revenue management system and infrastructure. He also led the agency to receive recognition as the first-class ICT organization.

In 1996 Mr Krum joined the *Centre for Mass Privatization* (Bulgaria), the specialized government agency overseeing privatization of public assets in Bulgaria. In the *Centre* Mr Krum shared various responsibilities. Initially he was appointed National Coordination Senior Expert to manage information technology strategy and operations. Within two years he was named Deputy Director of ICT.

Krum Garkov holds a M.Sc. in Computer Technologies from Technical University (Varna, Bulgaria) and an MBA in Information Systems from Stevens Institute of Technology (New Jersey, United States).

He received executive education from London School of Business & Finance (London, United Kingdom) with a Master of Business Administration in Management Consulting.

About the Agency

eu-LISA, with its seat in Tallinn, fulfils the operational management tasks for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II), Visa Information System (VIS) and EURODAC. The Agency thereby supports the implementation of the EU's border management, asylum and migration policies. The Agency started its operations on 1 December 2012.

The headquarters of the Agency is in Tallinn (Estonia), while the operational management of the large-scale systems is carried out in Strasbourg (France) with a backup site in Sankt Johann im Pongau (Austria).

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