

EURODAC

Eurodac is the European Dactyloscopy (fingerprints) database. Operational since 2003, it is one of the instruments used in implementing the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). Eurodac facilitates the application of the Dublin Regulation by helping determine the country responsible for the assessment of an asylum claim presented in the European Union Member State or an Associated Country (Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein).

Since 20 July 2015, as per the Eurodac Regulation (EU) No 603/2013, Member States' national police forces and Europol have access to the system, subject to strict conditions, for the purpose of prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences as well as other serious criminal offences.

eu-LISA's ROLE IN EURODAC

eu-LISA is in charge of the operational management and further development of the Eurodac Central System. The Agency ensures the continuous, uninterrupted exchange of data between national authorities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. eu-LISA is also responsible for monitoring the performance of the system as well as providing training on the technical use of Eurodac.

The Agency is required to publish a collection of annual statistics as per Article 8(2) of the Eurodac Regulation (EU) No 603/2013.

THE 2018 STATISTICS

In 2018, Member States and Europol successfully transmitted a total of 879,072 sets of fingerprints to the Eurodac Central System. The Eurodac Central System processed:

- 551,253 fingerprints of applicants for international protection aged 14 or older (category 1),
- 103,333 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older apprehended when irregularly crossing the external border of a Member State (category 2),
- 224,180 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older, apprehended illegally present on the territory of a Member State (category 3),
- 306 fingerprints sent by Member State law enforcement designated authorities or Europol (only for searches) for the purpose of prevention, detection or investigation of terrorist offences or of other serious criminal offences (category 4 and 5).

Public statistics can be accessed on eu-LISA's website.



Figure 1. Eurodac users

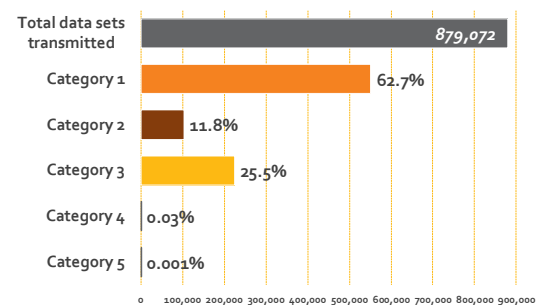
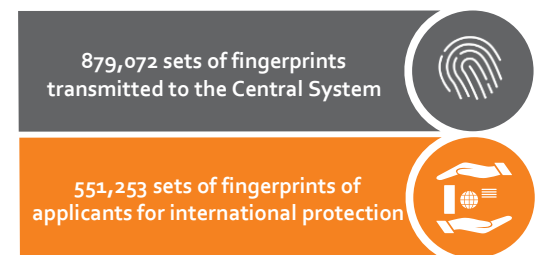


Figure 2. Total and shares of data sets successfully transmitted to Eurodac (2018)



ABOUT EU-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Union Agency ensuring 24/7 operational management of the European Union's large-scale IT systems and their respective communication infrastructure in the area of freedom, security and justice: Eurodac, SIS and VIS. The Agency is also developing future systems: namely EES and ETIAS, and will manage them once they enter into operation. In addition, once the respective legislative processes are completed, eu-LISA will implement and develop the interoperability components for IT systems as well as develop and manage ECRIS-TCN.

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