

# Eurodac - annual statistics \*

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## Eurodac

Eurodac is the European Dactyloscopy (fingerprints) database. It facilitates the application of the Dublin Regulation by helping to determine the country responsible for the assessment of an asylum claim presented in the European Union or the Associated Dublin States (Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein). The system is used in 32 countries: 28 EU Member States and 4 Associated Dublin States. Since 20 July 2015, Eurodac Recast Regulation No 603/2013 took effect and national police forces as well as Europol can 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.

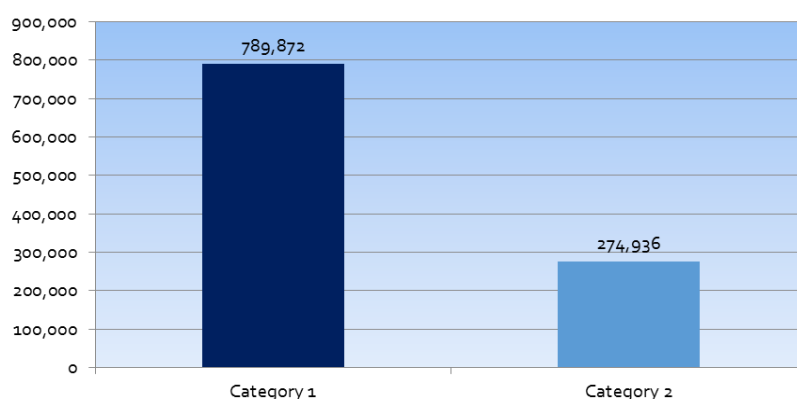
## eu-LISA's role

eu-LISA provides 24/7 operational management for Eurodac and is required to publish a collection of annual statistics as per Article 8(2) Eurodac Recast Regulation (No 603/2013). The statistics cover the period from the date of application of the Eurodac Recast Regulation on 20 July to 31 December 2015.



## Figures and findings

In less than six months, from 20 July until 31 December 2015, Eurodac processed almost 800,000 fingerprints of applicants for international protection aged at least 14 years old (category 1 data), and more than 270,000 fingerprints for persons apprehended when crossing the external border of a Member State irregularly (category 2 data). A substantial increase compared to figures reported for 2014 is observed, when more than 505,000 category 1 data entries and almost 107,000 category 2 data entries were processed for the whole year.



During the reporting period, the usage of the system by law enforcement was limited. Five Member States - Austria, Germany, Finland, France and the Netherlands - performed a total of 95 law enforcement searches. Europol was not yet connected to Eurodac on 31 December 2015.

## About the Agency

eu-LISA is the European agency responsible for the operational management of the Schengen Information System (SIS II), the Visa Information System (VIS) and Eurodac. The agency operates IT systems that are the most important existing tools for managing EU borders and helping to make free and safe movement of people in the EU a reality. The headquarters of eu-LISA are in Tallinn (Estonia), operational management is carried out in Strasbourg (France) and a backup site is located in Sankt Johann im Pongau (Austria). [www.eulisa.europa.eu](http://www.eulisa.europa.eu)

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