Eurodac - annual statistics *

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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 or an Associated Dublin State (Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein).

28 EU Member States and 4 Associated Dublin States use the system. Since 20 July 2015 as per the Eurodac Regulation No 603/2013, 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

eu-LISA ensures the operational management of Eurodac 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 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 Recast Regulation (No 603/2013).
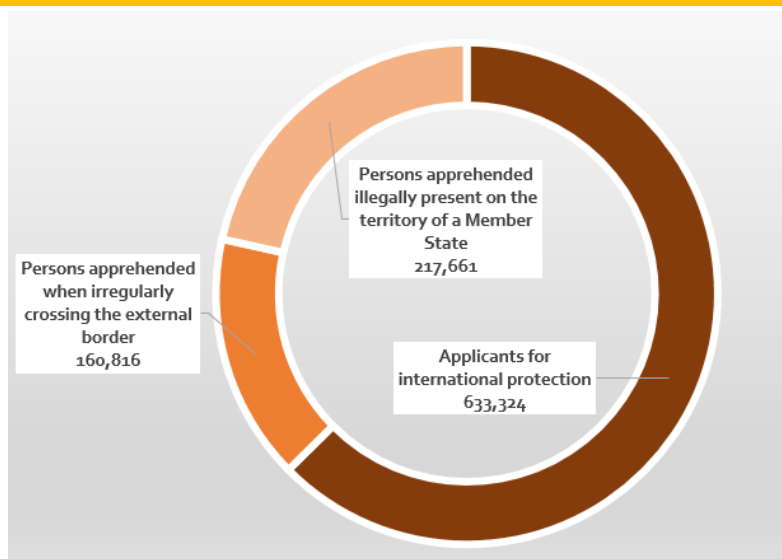
2017 statistics

In 2017, Eurodac processed:

- 633,324 fingerprints of applicants for international protection aged 14 or older,

- 160,816 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older apprehended when irregularly crossing the external border of a Member State,

- 217,661 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older, apprehended illegally present on the territory of a Member State.

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All three categories registered a decrease compared to data from 2016.

In 2017, there were 664 searches performed by law enforcement, representing an increase compared to the previous year. Searches were performed by 12 Member States - Austria, Cyprus, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden - and Europol.

About eu-LISA

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 infrastructure 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. www.eulisa.europa.eu

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