

The Schengen Information System - SIS II - allows information exchange between national border controls, customs and police authorities, ensuring that the free movement of people within the EU can take place in a safe environment. The EU Member States currently connected to SIS II are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK (connected as of 13 April 2015). Associated Countries connected to SIS II are Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. The authorities of Ireland, Cyprus and Croatia are currently preparing for their technical connection to SIS II.

eu-LISA's role

eu-LISA provides 24/7 operational management for SIS II and is required to publish annual statistics according to Article 66(3) of the SIS II Decision 2007/533/JHA and Article 50(3) of the SIS II Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006, as well as the Agency's founding Regulation, Article 12(1)(w) of Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011.

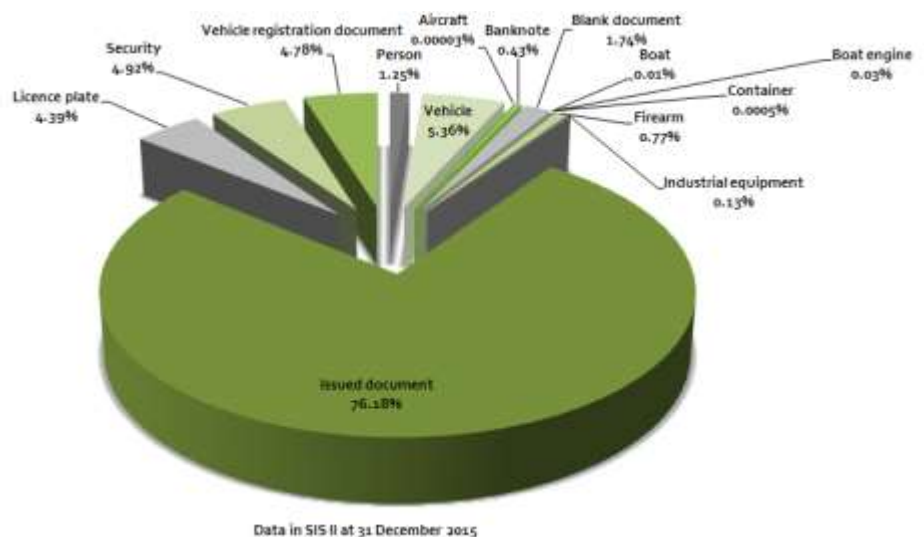
2015 statistics

The data presented is a collection of statistical data received from Member States and Associated Countries together with data available from the Central SIS II.

In the reporting period 01 January – 31 December 2015, SIS II was accessed a total of **2,908,184,143** times by Member States and Associated Countries.

On 31 December 2015 SIS II contained **63,481,889** alerts, the largest category being *Issued document*. The alerts on persons were **793,318**.

A total of **156,447** hits were registered in the reporting period. More than **70%** of them were triggered by alerts on persons.



About eu-LISA

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), the operational management is carried out in Strasbourg (France) and a backup site is located in Sankt Johann im Pongau (Austria). www.eulisa.europa.eu

* This document is provided purely for information purposes, it highlights key points of accompanying report on "SIS II - 2015 statistics".