Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) of Europol <u>opinion</u> with respect to the European Commission's amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of EURODAC

The JSB calls upon the Commission to provide hard evidence to prove that it is necessary for Europol to access EURODAC data.

On the eve of the European Parliament's discussions on the amended proposal for a Regulation on the recast of the establishment of the EURODAC system for the comparison of fingerprints, the JSB issues its opinion on this proposal which introduces access to EURODAC for national law enforcement authorities and Europol.

The opinion highlights the JSB's deep concerns about the proposal:

- The European Commission has provided no evidence to prove law enforcement access to EURODAC is necessary.
- The citizens whose data are processed in EURODAC are a vulnerable group of people whose personal information requires careful handling and like all citizens fair and lawful treatment.
- Impact assessments carried out in relation to the proposal provide no information demonstrating the need for Europol to access EURODAC data.
- Europol should not have greater access to EURODAC data than the Member States. Member States without access to EURODAC data should not be allowed to effectively circumvent the law by accessing EURODAC data via Europol.