

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

28 EU Member States and 4 Associated Dublin States use the system. On 20 July 2015, the new Eurodac Regulation No 603/2013 took effect and national police forces as well as Europol can now 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

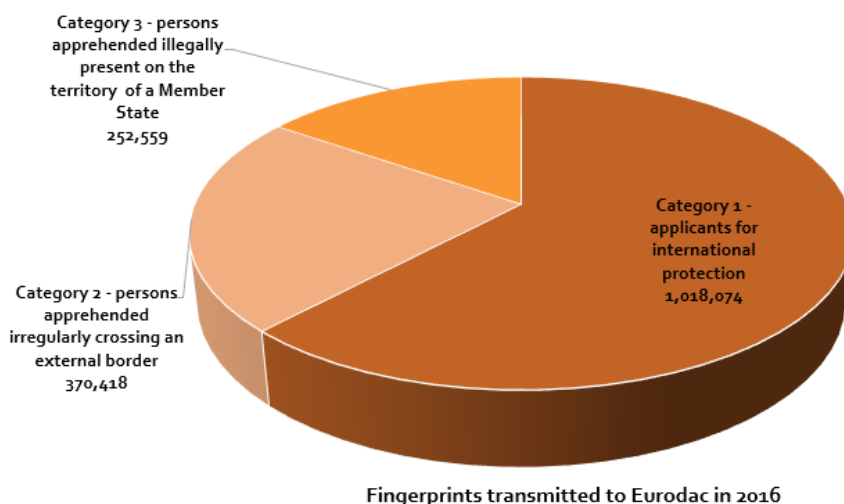
eu-LISA provides 24/7 operational management for Eurodac and is required to publish a collection of annual statistics as per Article 8(2) of the Eurodac Recast Regulation (No 603/2013).



2016 statistics - figures

In 2016, Eurodac processed:

- over 1,000,000 fingerprints of applicants for international protection aged 14 or more,
- more than 370,000 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older, apprehended when irregularly crossing the external border of a Member State,
- over 252,000 fingerprints of persons aged 14 or older, apprehended illegally present on the territory of a Member State.



A slight decrease was registered in all three categories compared to the data for 2015.

In 2016, the searches performed by law enforcement were quite limited, with a total of 327 searches performed by nine Member States - Austria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Poland. Europol was not yet connected to Eurodac in 2016.

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