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Subject : Provision of SIS and SIRENE statistics to the Council

On 6 April 2009, the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) invited the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) to provide it annually with statistics on alerts and hits in the Schengen Information System¹.

As the latest set of SIS and SIRENE statistics is available, the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) should agree on the statistics to be provided to the Council. It is important not only to highlight the considerable success brought about through Schengen cooperation but also to indicate the significant increase of the workload of the SIRENE Bureaux resulting directly from this success.

¹ See Council conclusions as set out in 8107/09 JAI 182 SIRIS 50 COMIX 264.

Delegations are invited to agree to submit the statistics set out below to COREPER and the Council for

- 1) taking note of the presented statistics and positive achievements of the SIS and SIRENE Bureaux;**
- 2) monitoring the impact of continuous increases in SIS alerts and hits and the ability of SIRENE staff to handle the related workload.**

SIS and SIRENE statistics 2010

Introduction

This document, which is to be provided to the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on an annual basis, sets out headline figures on hits achieved in the SIS and on alerts stored in the SIS. The figures highlight the contribution of the SIS, including the SIRENE cooperation, to the protection of an area without internal border controls.

In order to provide full and up-to-date statistics, guidelines to collect data for the SIS and SIRENE statistics were prepared by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) and endorsed by COREPER in December 2010 (17436/10 SIRIS 178 COMIX 811). These guidelines served as a basis for the elaboration of this document.

It is important to note that the counting methodology ensures that the figures reflect those cases in which success was gained entirely and solely through sharing of information between Member States (statistics on hits achieved in Member States on alerts issued by other Member States provide the most comprehensive and reliable picture).

There are some figures which might require closer attention. The total of hits in the SIS was 91 351 in 2010, meaning an overall increase by 6.66% compared to 2009. This figure represents 429% evolution compared to the figure of 1997 when hits were first counted.

The number of hits on the basis of alerts on missing persons raised from 2009 to 2010 by 49.76% which shows much more extensive use of the SIS and more involvement of the SIRENE Bureaux in this type of alert.

The total of valid records in the SIS reached 35.69 million by 2010 which means an increase by 12.9% compared to 2009. A significant increase of the number of alerts stored in the SIS can be observed regarding alerts for arrest for the purposes of surrender or extradition (10.01%) and alerts on persons for discreet surveillance or specific check (11.12%).

Table 1 (plus chart 1) displays the total numbers of hits achieved each year across all the Member States since the start of collation of hit statistics in 1997.²

SIRENE Bureaux		
Year	Number of Hits	Evolution (%)
1997	21280	
1998	33551	158%
1999	30762	145%
2000	32566	153%
2001	35414	166%
2002	44877	211%
2003	41485	195%
2004	31749	149%
2005	31383	147%
2006	33930	159%
2007	44342	208%
2008	66961	315%
2009	85569	402%
2010	91351	429%

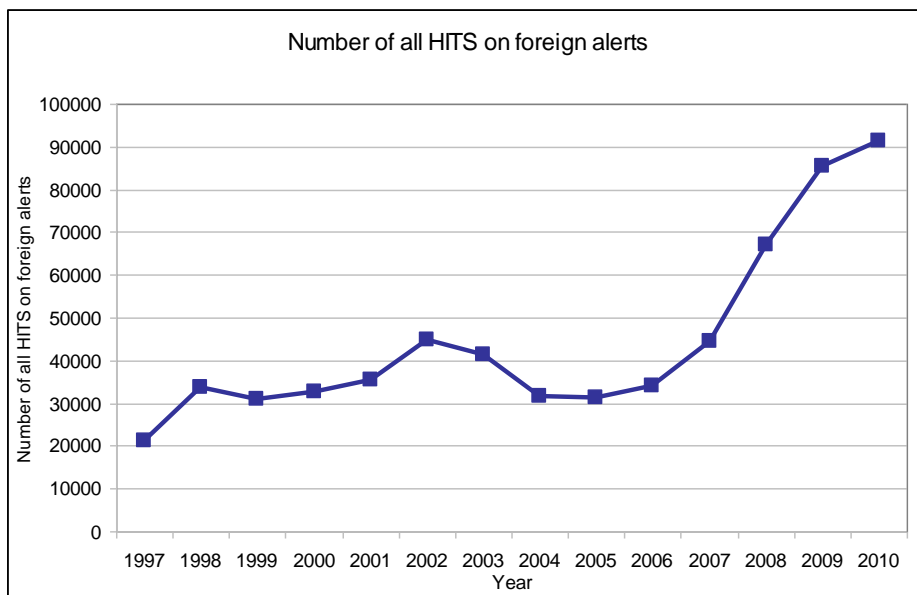


Table 1 & chart 1: Number of hits on foreign alerts reported by SIRENE Bureaux since 1997

² **The decrease in the number of hits after 2002 is mainly due to the modification of the counting rules for hits based on alerts for refusal of entry.**

Table 2 and chart 2 show the cumulative totals of hits across all the Member States since the start of collation of hit statistics in 1997. The "percentage" row displays the percentages of overall hits which fall into each of the alert categories

1997 - 2010	Arrest for extradition purposes	Refusal of entry/stay	Missing persons	Locating persons for criminal judicial purposes	Check/observation for the purposes of prosecuting criminal offences or preventing threats to public security (persons and vehicles)	Lost/stolen vehicles	Lost/stolen issued and blank documents	Others Banknotes & firearms	Total hits (all categories)
Hits	32 218	253 640	22 096	79 211	46 300	114 428	76 130	1 993	625 220
Percentage	5.15%	40.56%	3.53%	12.66%	7.4%	18.30%	12.17%	0.31%	100%

Table 2: Hits on the different categories of SIS alert since the start of collation of statistics on hits in 1997

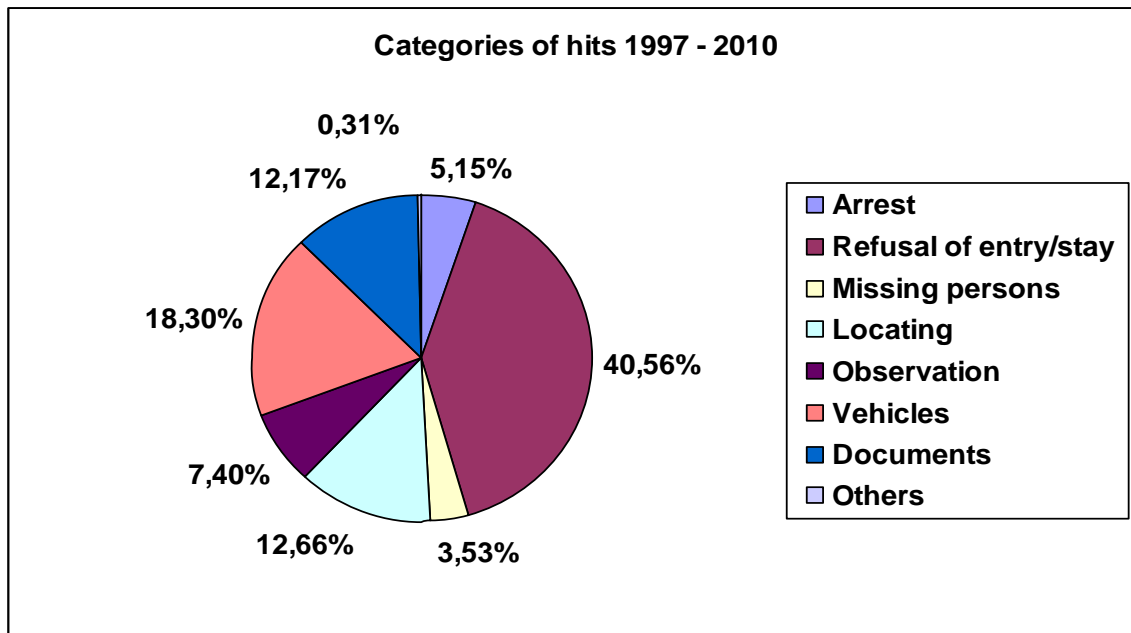


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Table 3 and chart 3 show the amount of "hits" generated in the high profile areas of use of the SIS by the actions of law enforcement staff. These hits are subsequently processed by the SIRENE Bureaux in the Member States, which undertake cross-border cooperation, validation and the necessary exchanges of supplementary information. Hits for the year in question are displayed and the percentage variation from the previous year.

2009 - 2010	Arrest for extradition purposes	Refusal of entry/stay	Missing persons	Locating persons for criminal judicial purposes	Check/observation for the purposes of prosecuting criminal offences or preventing threats to public security (persons and vehicles)	Lost/ stolen vehicles	Lost/stolen issued and blank documents	Others Banknotes & firearms	Total hits (all categories)
Number of hits in 2009	5 470	27 637	2 928	17 827	9 687	12 460	9 417	216	85 642
Number of hits in 2010	5 736	32 475	4 385	16 726	9 010	13 262	9 553	204	91 351
Percentage variation from 2009	4.86%	17.50%	49.76%	-6.17%	-6.98%	6.43%	1.44%	-5.55%	6.66%

Table 3: Variation in hits on SIS alerts in 2010

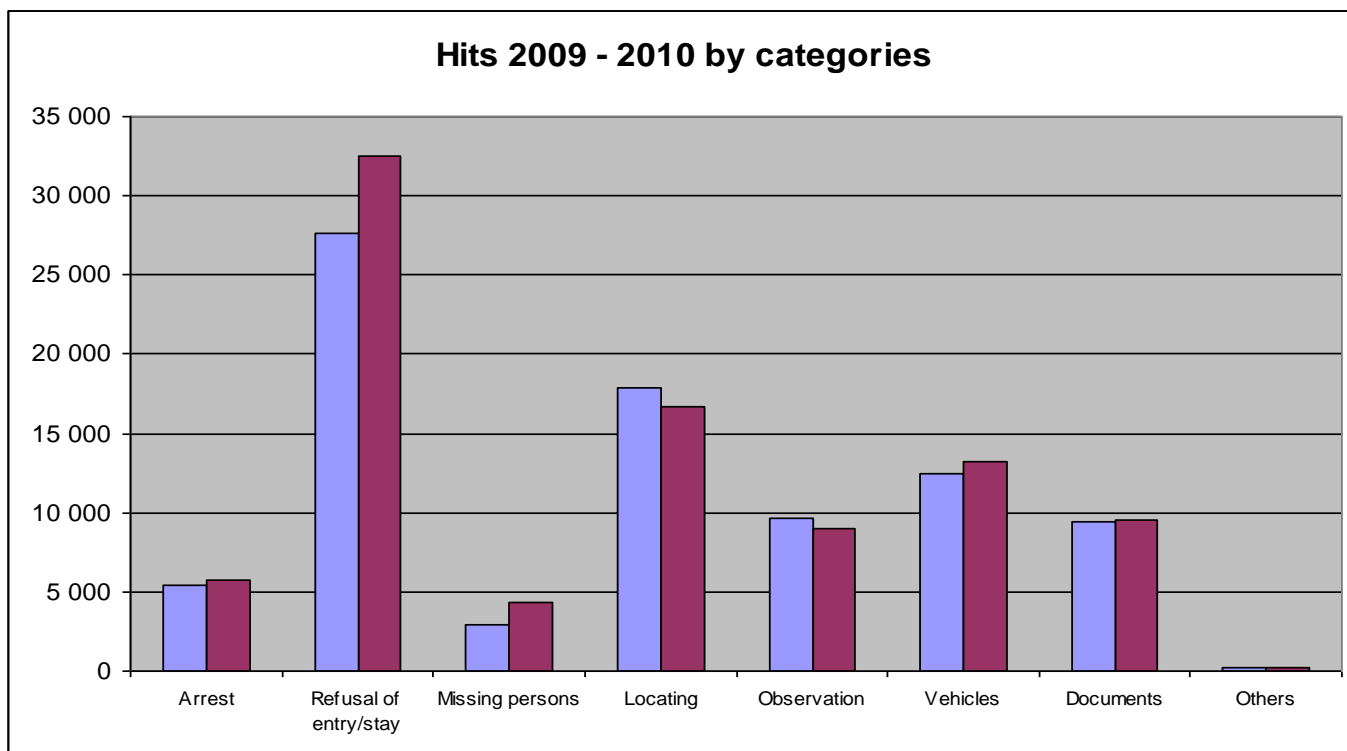


Chart 3: Variation of hits in 2010

Tables 4 and 5 set out the background figures on alerts stored in the SIS. The figures include alerts which are added, deleted or have expired and therefore show genuine growth or reduction. This is shown in both absolute figures and by percentage variation from the previous year.

2010 (year end)	Banknotes	Blank documents	Firearms	Issued documents	Vehicles (including licence plates)	Wanted persons	Wanted persons alias	Total alerts (all categories)
Number of valid records in 2009	134 255	341 675	348 353	25 685 572	3 889 098	929 546	290 452	31 618 951
Number of valid records 2010	119 177	325 548	386 087	29 397 261	4 262 419	918 259	290 051	35 698 802
Percentage variation from 2009	-11.23%	-4.71%	10.83%	14.45%	9.59%	-1.21%	-0.13%	12.90%

Table 4: Variation in alerts in the SIS database in 2010

Distribution of Wanted persons Main records by article						
2010 (year end)	Art. 95 Wanted for arrest/extradition	Art. 96 Refusal of entry/stay	Art. 97 Missing person (Adult)	Art. 97 Missing person (Minor)	Art. 98 Localisation	Art. 99 Check/ observation
Number of valid records in 2009	28 666	736 868	26 707	25 612	78 869	32 824
Number of valid records 2010	31 535	716 797	24 350	26 423	82 676	36 478
Percentage variation from 2009	10.01%	-2.72%	-8.82%	3.16%	4.82%	11.12%

Table 5: Variation in alerts for wanted persons in the SIS database in 2010

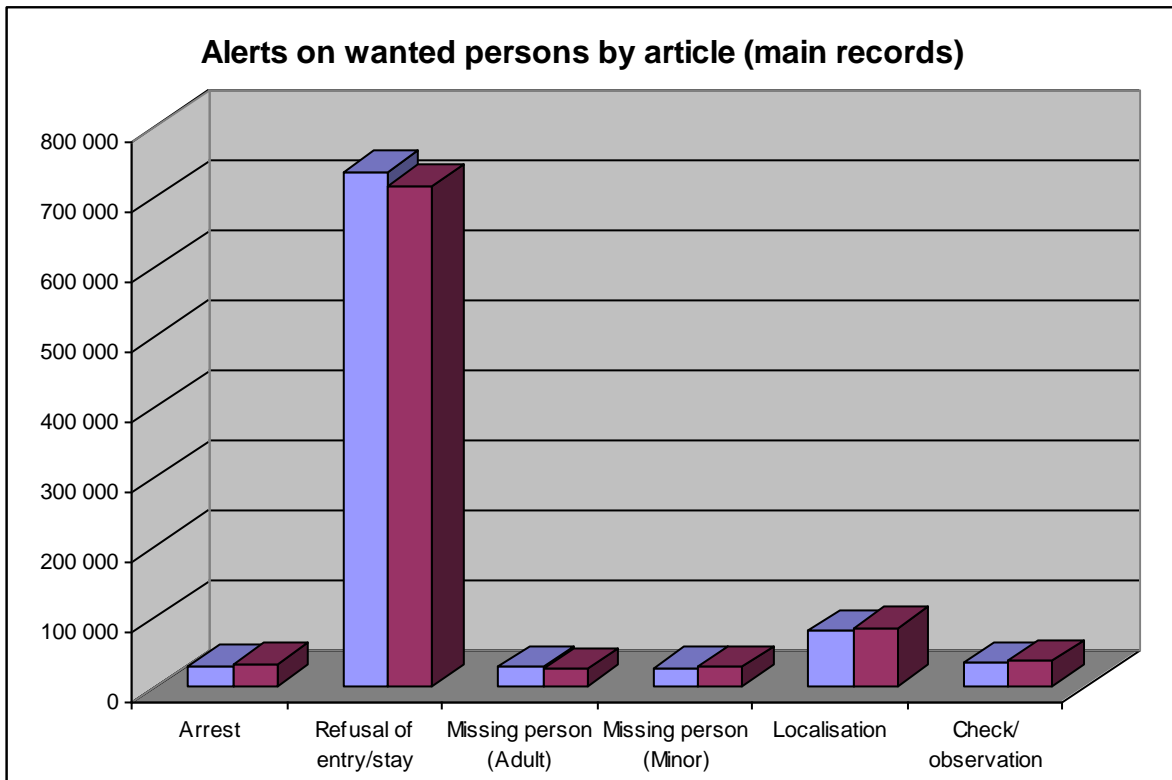


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