



European Agency for the operational management
of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice

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eu-LISA and FRONTEX sign Working Arrangement

Today the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) and the European Agency for the management of operational cooperation at the external borders of the Member States of the EU (FRONTEX) formally established cooperation for exchange of expertise and best practices.

The Working Arrangement signed by the heads of both agencies establishes the cooperation framework between the parties based on common interests and objectives. eu-LISA and FRONEX will exchange expertise and best practices primarily in the areas of ICT related projects and services, research and development activities, training, programming and administrative matters.

Cooperation in the area of ICT related projects and services aims at the development of large scale IT systems that support exchange of information between Member States border control and migration services. eu-LISA and FRONTEX will also monitor and contribute to research initiatives particularly in the area of technologies and solutions relevant to their areas of responsibilities, exchange analysis, develop e-learning tools and liaise in administrative matters to further develop as modern and efficient agencies.

"I am very happy that FRONTEX has become our partner in the field of our common interest. Formalising our cooperation is a clear sign of determination that our agencies want to contribute to shared goals through knowledge and experiences. This working arrangement is a practical example of how European agencies work together and create synergies that increase efficiency and heighten the impact of added value to Member States and to EU citizens. I thank the Executive Director Ilkka Laitinen for welcoming us in FRONTEX," emphasised the Executive Director of eu-LISA Mr Krum GARKOV.

Background:

- The European Agency (eu-LISA) has been established to manage large scale information systems in the area of freedom, security and justice. It fulfils the operational management tasks for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II), Visa Information System (VIS) and EURODAC. The Agency supports the implementation of the EU's border management, asylum and migration policies.
- The headquarters is in Tallinn (Estonia), while the operational management is carried out in Strasbourg (France) with a backup site in Sankt Johann im Pongau (Austria).
- The Agency started its operations on 1 December 2012.
- The Agency is managed and represented by the Executive Director Mr Krum Garkov, who came to office on 1 November 2012. Mr Garkov has more than 15 years of cross-cultural experiences spanning the public and private sectors.
- On 20 November 2013 eu-LISA signed the Working Arrangement with European Police College (CEPOL in the area of training and ICT).

Links:

- Regulation establishing the agency (in EN): <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:286:0001:0017:EN:PDF>
- Fact sheet on eu-LISA: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/pdf/large_scale_it_systems_agency_folder_jan2012_vers_fo1st_mb_meeting_final_en.pdf

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