

Question for written answer E-000909/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Schedule for interoperability

The EU's interoperability project aims to link up and reorganise several biometrics-based databases, including the Schengen Information System (SIS II), the Visa Information System (VIS), the Eurodac system for recording the fingerprints of asylum seekers, the Criminal Records Information System for third-country nationals (ECRIS-TCN) and the Entry/Exit System (EES). The fulcrum of the framework is the shared biometric matching system (sBMS). In addition, a European Search Portal (ESP) is to be developed to enable the simultaneous searching of all five systems. All biometric data will be stored centrally in a common identity repository (CIR). There have been, however, some serious delays in making these newly established systems operational.

1. What is the Commission's current binding schedule for implementing the interoperability project and introducing the necessary new legislation (such as the Eurodac recast)?
2. When are the national and central systems ECRIS-TCN, EES, VIS4EES, ETIAS, sBMS, ESP, CIR expected to be technically ready for launch and when will they finally become operational?
3. Does the Commission intend to claim damages from unpunctual suppliers for the serious delays in the operational launch of the EES, and is it also investigating Agnès Diallo, the former manager at Atos and interim director of eu-LISA, in this regard?

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