

Access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol

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The Council agreed on a Decision concerning access for consultation of the VIS by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences.

It also welcomed the agreement reached in first reading with the European Parliament on a Regulation concerning the VIS and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (see [COD/2004/0287](#)).