

# European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS)

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The Council has agreed on a **general approach** on the proposal for the establishment of a European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS).

This proposal is a follow-up to the draft Framework Decision on the exchange of information extracted from criminal records between Member States of the European Union which was adopted by the Council in June 2007 (see [CNS/2005/0267](#)). The purpose of the Framework Decision is to ensure that a Member State is able to provide the judicial authorities of another Member State of the EU with information on the criminal records of its nationals.

A pilot project is currently being conducted by 14 Member States with a view to interconnecting their criminal records. The results achieved in this context will provide a valuable basis for further work on computerised exchange of information at European level.