

Strengthening Europol's mandate: entry of alerts in SIS

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Javier ZARZALEJOS (EPP, ES) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters as regards the entry of alerts by Europol.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

Alerts

Europol may only enter an alert in SIS after it has established that this is necessary and justified, by ensuring that a **detailed individual analysis** of the data provided confirmed the reliability of the source of information and the accuracy of the information on the person concerned.

Europol may enter alerts on third-country nationals in SIS for the purpose of informing end-users carrying out a search in SIS that those persons are suspected of being involved in or have been convicted of a criminal offence.

Review period for alerts on persons

Europol may enter an alert on a third-country national for a period of three years.

Data protection

Where personal data is entered in SIS, it is proposed that Europol should inform the data subject of the possibility of lodging a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor and seeking a judicial remedy from the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Monitoring and statistics

Members added that eu-LISA should also produce daily, monthly and annual statistics showing the number of entries of alerts proposed by Europol, against which a reasoned objection was expressed by a Member State, categorised by Member State and by objection provided.

Entry into force, start of operation and application

The report proposed that Europol should by six months after the entry into force of this amending Regulation, notify the Commission that it has made the necessary technical and procedural arrangements to process SIS data and exchange supplementary information pursuant to this Regulation.

No later than one year after the entry into force of this amending Regulation, the Commission should adopt a decision setting the date from which Europol may start entering, updating and deleting alerts in SIS, pursuant to this Regulation.