

Terrorism: new functions for the Schengen information System SIS II. Initiative Spain

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PURPOSE: the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2005/211/JHA.

PURPOSE: The 1990 Schengen Convention is amended in order to further facilitate the fight against crime, including terrorism.

This Decision authorises access to the Schengen Information System (SIS) for Europol and Eurojust. It also provides for the introduction of new functions, including the following:

- the addition of extra data (concerning, for example, vehicles, means of payment, etc.),
- less cumbersome procedures for exchanging information between competent authorities,
- technical improvements.

The Decision also aims to facilitate more effective control over personal data protection. The purpose of the Schengen Information System is to maintain public policy and public security, including national security, in the territories of the Member States and to apply the provisions of the 1990 Schengen Convention relating to the movement of persons in those territories. It is one of the instruments used to compensate for the abolition of controls within the internal borders of the Schengen area.