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**European Union Agency** for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems (eu-LISA)

From the onset of the conflict, eu-LISA has been actively involved in supporting Member States ensuring the uninterrupted availability of the border management systems. The Agency enhanced its vigilance on the large scale IT systems and on the corporate infrastructure in view of increased cyber risks. In addition to that:

- eu-LISA contributes to in the Integrated Political Crisis Response (ICPR) working group that
  facilitates rapid and coordinated decision-making at an EU political level for major and complex
  crises, supporting the European Commission on matters related to large-scale IT systems in
  the JHA domain. In addition, at an operational level, the Agency also attends the meetings of
  the Blueprint migration network and contributes with regular reporting to inform the European
  Commission on the use of the systems and cyber threat levels, for related policy making.
- The use of several of the IT systems under eu-LISA's responsibility has increased over the past months. Member States reported an increase in Schengen Information System (SIS) queries and an increase in Eurodac usage.
- eu-LISA has been vigilantly monitoring cyber threats to the Central Systems managed by the Agency: the Schengen Information System (SIS), the Visa Information System (VIS) and Eurodac. Permanent monitoring is ongoing and pertinent information is communicated to relevant parties.
- Moreover, eu-LISA has provided expert support to the European Commission in the
  development of the Registration Platform for the registration of migrants from Ukraine under
  within the scope of the Temporary Protection Directive. eu-LISA is ready to further extend its
  support, where necessary, to ensure that there are tools in place for the effective exchange of
  data between Member States concerning people arriving from and leaving for Ukraine.
- Furthermore, several initiatives have been launched within eu-LISA to provide support to the refugees through charity actions.

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for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Europol activated all its support capabilities, through its five operational centres (Operational & Analysis Centre; Serious Organised Crime Centre, Cybercrime Centre; Counter Terrorism Centre and the Financial and Economic Crime Centre) and is actively engaging with Ukrainian law enforcement through the Ukrainian Liaison Officer at Europol.

- Operational and strategic analysis of key organised crime and terrorists threats related to the situation in Ukraine, including two dedicated Threat Assessments, an Early Warning Notification on THB, and an Intelligence Notification on Firearms and explosives trafficking.
- Deployment of Europol staff and Guest Officers to conduct secondary security checks (21, as of 12/07/22) to Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova.
- Link frontline information (from Member States and other sources) with Europol's analysis.
- Improve intelligence picture through the collection and assessment of information to detect terrorist and criminal threats and identification of individuals posing a risk.
- Activate networking possibilities through Liaison Bureaux community to support specific requests from the Ukrainian Liaison Bureau.
- Intelligence gathering and operational monitoring (including through the EU Internet Referral Unit) of violent extremists travelling to Ukraine and streams of communication, financing or recruitment.
- Responding to operational requests (including from Ukraine and Moldova) to take down specific Telegram channels used for pro-Russian disinformation and fake news (EC3 and EU Internet Referral Unit).
- Set up of a dedicated Virtual Command Post for THB (SPRING) to facilitate real-time operational exchange between Ukraine, Romania, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Slovak Republic, Moldova and Poland.
- Temporary THB Task Management Group to discuss operational matters at the earliest stage.
- Efforts to strengthen cooperation with NGOs in the field (compiling a list of trusted NGOs).
- Activation of the Law Enforcement Emergency Response Protocol (LE ERP) for Major Cross-Border Cyber-Attacks.
- Enhanced monitoring of the cyber threats through constant contact with Member States, the Cybercrime Action Taskforce (J-CAT) and open source monitoring.
- Support investigations on war crimes through the Analysis Project Core International Crimes (AP CIC).
- Online monitoring in search of material potentially connected to war crimes.
- Launch of Operation OSCAR to crosscheck EU sanctions lists against available operational data; identify links to organised crime and Money Laundering; and support the tracing and seizure of criminal assets.
- Support to European Commission led initiatives e.g. Freeze and Seize Task Force, Common Anti-trafficking Plan, Solidarity Platform, Blueprint meetings.
- Supporting the mobilisation of the EMPACT framework through intelligence led approach and hosting EMPACT community on 7 April and 9 June to tailor operational actions to evolving threats.