



Your rights

Every person has the right to obtain information about whether data relating to them are being processed in the SIS or VIS. If necessary, they can obtain access to these data and have them corrected or deleted. The required [model letters](#) are published on the FDPIC website.

SIS

The Schengen Information System (SIS) is a Europe-wide electronic search system for persons and property that is operated jointly by the member states of the Schengen area (Schengen states). It contains information on persons wanted by the police and the courts, persons who are banned from entering specific countries or who are recorded as missing, and on stolen property (e.g. cars, weapons). Within the framework of Schengen, systematic checks on persons at internal borders between Schengen states are dispensed with in order to facilitate travelling. The SIS was created as a compensatory measure to enable cross-border police co-operation and to ensure security and order in the Schengen area.

VIS

The Visa Information System (VIS) is a Europe-wide electronic information system used for exchanging visa data between the member states of the Schengen area. The VIS contains data on visa applicants and on visas applied for, issued, refused, cancelled, revoked or extended, facial images, fingerprint data and links to other visa applications. It is intended to simplify the visa procedure, improve the security of the application process and improve visa controls at the Schengen external borders.

Eurodac is the central fingerprint database of the European Union for asylum matters.

Eurodac (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) is an electronic information system operated by the European Union that is used to store and exchange the fingerprint data of asylum seekers and certain third-country nationals. The main objective of Eurodac is to assist in implementing the Dublin Regulation, which regulates responsibility for examining asylum applications. Eurodac is an important tool for managing and enforcing EU asylum policy and ensuring compliance with the Dublin Regulation. It helps to guarantee that asylum seekers in the EU are treated fairly and efficiently and that responsibilities for examining asylum applications are assigned appropriately.

Further information on Eurodac and your rights can be obtained from the [State Secretariat for Migration \(SEM\)](#).