Automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Latvia

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PURPOSE: to authorise Latvia to continue to receive and supply of personal data for the purpose of automated searching of dactyloscopic data (digital fingerprints).

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/944 on the automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Latvia, and replacing Decision 2014/911/EU.

CONTENT: through this Council Implementing Decision, **Latvia remains authorised to continue to receive and supply personal data** in accordance with Decision 2008/615/JAI for the purpose of automated searching of dactyloscopic data.

To recall, Council Decision 2008/615/JAI on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, provides that the supply of personal data may not take place until the Member States involved in such supply **have implemented in national law the general provisions on data protection** set out in that Decision.

An **overall evaluation report**, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning dactyloscopic data exchange in Latvia has been presented to the Council.

The Council adopted Decision 2014/911/EU, having concluded that Latvia has fully implemented the general provisions on data protection under Decision 2008/615/JHA.

This Decision **replaces Decision 2014/911/EU which was annulled by the Court of Justice of the European Union** by its judgement of 22 September 2016. In that judgement, the Court maintained the effects of Decision 2014/911/EU until the entry into force of a new act intended to replace that Decision.

The Member States that obtained personal data pursuant to Decision 2014/911/EU are entitled to further process those data at national level or between Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 3.6.2017. From that date, Decision 2014/911/EU will cease to have effect.