

ETIAS consequential amendments: police and judicial cooperation

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The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the conditions for accessing the other EU information systems and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 and Regulation (EU) 2019/816.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure.

Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council established the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) for third-country nationals exempt from the visa requirement when crossing the external borders of the Union. ETIAS makes it possible to assess whether the presence of such third-country nationals on the territory of the Member States would pose a security or illegal immigration risk or a high epidemic risk.

This Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 of the European Parliament and of the Council (SIS) and Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the interoperability of EU information systems in the area of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration, in order to connect the ETIAS central system to other EU information systems and to Europol data and to specify the data that will be exchanged with these EU information systems and with Europol data.

The amending Regulation lays down rules for the implementation of interoperability between the ETIAS information system on the one hand and other EU information systems and Europol data on the other hand, as well as the conditions for the consultation by ETIAS of data stored in other EU information systems and Europol data by the ETIAS automated process for the purposes of identifying hits are to be implemented.

The conditions, including access rights, under which the ETIAS Central Unit and ETIAS National Units are able to consult data stored in other EU information systems for the purposes of ETIAS should be safeguarded by clear and precise rules regarding access by the ETIAS Central Unit and ETIAS National Units to the data stored in other EU information systems, the types of query and the categories of data, all of which should be limited to what is strictly necessary for the performance of their duties.

The European Search Portal (ESP), established by Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) 2019/818, should enable the data stored in ETIAS and the data stored in the other EU information systems concerned to be queried in parallel.