

Automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Greece

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PURPOSE: to authorise Greece to receive and supply personal data with regard to **vehicle registration data**.

PROPOSED ACT: Council implementing decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: [Council Decision 2008/615/JHA](#) on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime confers implementing powers on the Council to adopt the measures necessary for the implementation of that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for in that Decision.

The supply of personal data provided for in Decision 2008/615/JHA may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.

[Council Decision 2008/616/JHA](#) provides that the verification to establish that the condition for the automated exchange of data has been met is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on (i) a questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Party on each of the automated data exchanges, (ii) an evaluation visit and (iii) a pilot test.

Italy completed the **questionnaire** on data protection and the questionnaire on vehicle registration data (VRD) exchange. A successful **pilot test** was carried out with the Netherlands. An **evaluation visit** took place in Greece and a report on the evaluation visit was produced by the Dutch and Cypriot evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.

An **overall evaluation report** was presented to the Council. Having taken note of the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, the Council concluded that Greece had fully implemented the general data protection provisions of Decision 2008/615/JHA.

CONTENT: the purpose of the draft Council implementing Decision is, for the purposes of automated searching of vehicle registration data, to **allow Greece to receive and supply personal data** in accordance with Decision 2008/615/JHA.

Denmark and Ireland are bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision.