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*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

## **Round Table**

**European Parliament - National Parliaments**

**Freedom and security in**

**The integrated management of the European  
Union's borders**

**Exchange of views on the new Schengen Information  
System (SISII), Frontex, Eurosur,  
entry-exit system, profiling**

**Monday, 30 June 2008, 15.00 – 18.30**

**Brussels**

**Room PHS 3 C 50**

## PROGRAMME

**15.00 – 15.20**

### INTRODUCTION :

#### *CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EU BORDERS*

- **Gérard DEPREZ**, Chairman of the LIBE Committee (*introductory remarks*)
- **Jacques BARROT**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner responsible for Public Freedoms, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Dušan KERIN**, Representative of the Slovenian Presidency to the European Union, Head of International Police Co-operation Division in the Criminal Police Directorate
- **Pierre SIMUNEK**, Permanent representation of France to the EU, Advisor on Internal affairs, asylum, immigration, borders and visas
- **Claire ROCHETEAU**, Permanent Representation of France to the EU, Advisor on judicial cooperation, information exchange and data protection

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**15.20 – 16.20**

### SESSION I

#### ***SIS II: when, why, how?<sup>1</sup>***

*The Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 and its implementation (Convention in 1990) between the BENELUX States, Germany and France on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders, paved the way for the Schengen area that, after SIS 1+ (2007), covers today most European countries and a population of over 400 million. In order to take into account the latest development in the field of information technology and to allow the introduction of additional functionalities, the development of second generation of SISI (SIS II) has been entrusted to the Commission in 2001. We are now in the delicate phase of migration of data from SIS 1+ to SIS II. Today's meeting will clarify the current state of play and the further steps of this ambitious project.*

#### **Interventions by:**

- **Carlos COELHO**, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on SIS II

#### ***Overview of SIS II: migration, validation, management, costs and schedule of SIS II***

- **Adolfo RUFA**, Italian representative in the Schengen working group
- **Pascal MILLOT**, European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit "Large scale IT

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<sup>1</sup>Schengen: migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)' (COM(2008)0196 and COM(2008)0197)

System" (JLS.B.3) in Directorate Immigration, Asylum and Borders

***Data protection implications in the Migration from SIS1+ to SIS II***

- **Georges DE LA LOYÈRE**, Chairman of the Schengen Joint Supervisory Authority
- **Peter HUSTINX**, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

**Questions and Answers**

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***16.20 – 17.20***

***SESSION II***

***Optimising cooperation on border surveillance:  
the contribution of FRONTEX and EUROSUR<sup>1</sup>***

*FRONTEX is operational since October 2005 and aims at coordinating the operational cooperation between the Member States in the field of external borders management. The Hague programme provided for a political assessment of FRONTEX before the end of 2007, which is the subject of Communication COM(2008)67 from the Commission.*

*The examination of the situation leads to raise some issues: the answers to those questions will condition the immediate help devoted to FRONTEX as well as its future role, in a long term perspective, in the framework of a common EU policy of external borders integrated management.*

**Interventions by:**

- **Javier MORENO SANCHEZ**, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on FRONTEX/EUROSUR ;
- **Ilkka LAITINEN**, FRONTEX Executive Director
- **Don Francisco GABELLA MAROTO**, General of Division of the Guardia Civil, Authority of Coordination for the fight against illegal immigration in the Canaries Islands and Director of the Regional Coordination Center of the Canaries Islands
- **Tomas GRULICH**, Senator, Czech Senate

**Questions and Answers**

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***17.20 – 18.20***

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<sup>1</sup> 'External borders: Agency for the management of operational cooperation FRONTEX' (COM(2008)0067); Examining the creation of a European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) (COM (2008)0068)

### **SESSION III**

#### ***Protecting freedom, security and privacy in the future EU border management***

*With a view of further enhancing security whilst at the same time facilitating travel for third country nationals in a truly integrated border management, the European Commission has put forward three proposals for the years to come: facilitation of border crossing for bona fide travellers, the possible introduction of an entry/exit system as well as the introduction of an Electronic System of Travel Authorisation.*

*This system together with other data bases established within the EU implies the management of a number of personal data and leads to wonder to what extent personal data can be collected, stored, processed, compared and otherwise used without breaching fundamental rights and notably right to privacy and the principle of non discrimination.*

#### **Interventions by:**

- **Henrik NIELSEN**, European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit - Borders and Visas (JLS.B.1), Directorate for Immigration, Asylum and Borders
- **Jeanine HENNIS-PLASSCHAERT**, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on the entry/exit system
- **Sarah LUDFORD**, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on profiling
- **Rebekah DELSOL**, expert from the Open Society Institute
- **Peter HUSTINX**, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

#### **Questions and Answers**

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***18 H 20 – 18 H 30***

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- **Gérard DEPREZ**, Chairman of the LIBE Committee

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