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1. INTRODUCTION

This progress report describes the work carried out in the second semester of 2012, concerning the development of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) and preparations for migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II. It is presented to the Council and the European Parliament in accordance with Article 18 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 of 24 October 2008¹ and of Council Decision 2008/839/JHA of 24 October 2008² on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the SIS II.

2. PROJECT STATUS

2.1. Overview of progress during the period under review

As was demonstrated by the test campaigns carried out in the second half of 2012, considerable progress has been made in the development of the central system and in that of the majority of national systems. As a result, almost all the technical preparatory steps leading up to the actual migration of data were finalised in this reporting period.

However, to achieve such progress required overcoming some new difficulties:

- (1) With regard to the Comprehensive test, a few Member States failed to meet the test exit criteria within the given timeframe, including the contingency period. The outstanding issues had to be fixed and re-tested beyond the foreseen timeframe and therefore in parallel with other tasks on the critical path to SIS II entry into operation (the SIRENE functional test³ and the migration rehearsals in particular). That represented a considerable risk to the overall schedule. Nevertheless, thanks to the flexibility of all those involved, the Member States concerned could perform the test re-runs in the second week of January 2013.
- (2) In October 2012, Finland announced delays in its national SIS II project, informing the Commission that its national system would not be ready before February 2013. Following an assessment of the situation on-site in Finland, the Commission and the Global Programme Management Board (GPMB) helped Finland defining the way forward with a view to keeping the SIS II entry into operation date as foreseen. The

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 of 24 October 2008 on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008, p. 1).

² Council Decision 2008/839/JHA of 24 October 2008 on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008, p. 43).

³ Test on supplementary information between the SIRENE (Supplementary Information Request at National Entry) Bureaux - Common Article 9 (1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008) and of Council Decision 2008/839/JHA (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008).

jointly identified mitigation solution relies on the temporary installation by Finland of an existing and proven technical solution, known under the acronym SIB⁴ that is being already implemented by several other Member States. Finland has prioritised this solution whilst separately continuing their national project in parallel. The progress of the SIB solution in Finland is being further supported and closely monitored by the Commission and the GPMB.

- (3) With regard to the SIRENE functional test – three Member States (plus Finland which did not take part in the test for the reason mentioned above) failed to meet the test exit criteria and were given the opportunity to repeat the test as of 28 January 2013.

Overall, the issues faced by the Member States which had the potential to jeopardise the global schedule have been mitigated thanks to the goal-oriented approach of the main stakeholders. The swift and effective way in which the challenging situation in Finland was addressed proved again the added value of the GPMB.

The joint efforts and close cooperation of Member States with the Commission have ensured that the central project remained on track, in respect of both time and budget. On the other hand, the risk mitigation actions have significantly exhausted the remaining contingency margins.

2.2. Testing activities

The series of tests designed to ascertain the proper functioning, performance and interaction of the national systems and the central system culminated in the Comprehensive Test, executed in this reporting period with reruns to take place in the beginning of 2013.

As to Finland, the necessary testing (Compliance test, Comprehensive test, SIRENE functional test) within the framework of the "Plan B" will be aligned as closely as possible with the mainstream re-testing activities.

(a) Compliance Test Extended (CTE)

All Member States in the end passed the CTE campaign, which is designed to verify the compliance of the national systems with the SIS II specifications. The four remaining Member States successfully completed their testing campaigns by the end of August 2012. This was necessary for the smooth execution of the Comprehensive Test. However, Finland will perform the tests again as mentioned above. Eurojust and Europol plan to perform their CTE test in 2013.

(b) Provisional System Acceptance Test (PSAT)

The PSAT took place in March 2012 with positive results demonstrating the robustness and stable performance of both the Central and Back-Up Central Units. However, certain re-testing was necessary at the back-up site in St. Johann im Pongau; this took place successfully in the second half of 2012.

(c) The second Milestone test (M2)

The M2, executed in May 2012, proved the stability, reliability and performance of the Central System under operational conditions.

Building on the positive technical assessment and validation of the test result, the General Affairs Council of 24 July 2012 took note of the successful outcome of the M2 test. Herewith,

⁴ Steria Interconnection Box

all the conditions set out for the M2 test in the June 2009 Council Conclusions were finally met.

The Commission informed the European Parliament about the positive outcome of the test.

(d) The Comprehensive test

The Comprehensive test represented a technical and legal precondition for the SIS II entry into operation⁵. The objectives of the Comprehensive Test were:

1. to confirm that the Commission and the Member States participating in SIS 1+ have completed the necessary technical arrangements to process SIS II data and
2. to demonstrate that the level of performance of SIS II is at least equivalent to that achieved with SIS 1+ (as mentioned in the legal basis).

In the Comprehensive Test, the SIS II system was assessed from an end-to-end point of view. This means that the National Systems, the network and the Central System were all under test.

The tests were jointly managed by a Member States' Test Manager and a Commission Test Manager. The test cases were defined in the Comprehensive Test Plan, which was approved by the relevant Council working party on 24 May 2012.

Following the Commission's declaration of readiness of the Central System (at the Coreper of 30 May 2012), the Comprehensive Test campaign was executed from 1 June 2012 to 22 August 2012. Member States ran the tests in four groups of six to seven Member States, while the non-participating Member States were being simulated. Additional rounds of reruns were subsequently organised in September 2012 to allow Member States to re-execute their previously failed test cases.

The SIS II Central System demonstrated good and stable performance throughout the Comprehensive test. One error, which was already known by the Main Development Contractor, was encountered during the first rounds but was fixed in a later technical update of the Central System.

At national level, about half of the Member States had to rerun the Comprehensive test either fully or partially and with few exceptions they managed to do that successfully within the foreseen contingency period. Eventually, 25 Member States passed the Comprehensive test, although six test rounds instead of the four rounds originally foreseen were needed to reach this result. Two Member States (Poland and Switzerland) remained to rerun one test case and another two (Denmark and Finland) needed to rerun the entire test phase. In order to lift the reservation put on its test verdict Belgium requested to re-execute partially the Comprehensive Test campaign too. As it was not possible to arrange for a corresponding timeslot in this reporting semester; the additional reruns were scheduled for the second week of January 2013.

(e) SIRENE functional test

In accordance with the migration legal instruments the Member States participating in SIS 1+ shall conduct a test on supplementary information (SIRENE functional test). This test lies within the responsibility of the Member States. However, as well as providing the Central

⁵ Article 55 of Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 381/4, 28.12.2006) and Article 71 of Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 205/63, 7.8.2007).

system and the communication infrastructure for the execution of the test, the Commission continued to support Member States in their preparations through the joint review of the technical specifications of data exchange between the SIRENE Bureaux, and in the elaboration of the detailed test description. Following the successful SIRENE connectivity test, the SIRENE functional test took place in the second half of 2012. Three Member States (plus Finland whenever ready and preferably with the rest of the Member States) had to carry out a rerun of the test scheduled for the week commencing on 28 January 2013.

2.3. Preparations for the migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II

2.3.1. Technical preparations

A converter, provided by the Commission, is at the core of the interim migration architecture designed to allow the transition of the SIS 1 data to the new system through ensuring consistent communication between both Central SIS II and the technical support function of SIS 1+ (C.SIS)⁶.

Testing responsibilities are shared between the the European Commission and France which operates SIS 1+. The converter was successfully tested against both SIS1+ and SIS II. The test of the full functional integration of the converter was successfully completed within schedule on 21 August 2012, thereby confirming the convertor is able to properly convert the messages (alerts) in both directions between the two systems in accordance with the jointly agreed specifications. Most of the relatively minor issues encountered were fixed and tested during this reporting period. The last test is planned for January 2013.

The interoperability tests were completed on 11 December 2012, ahead of schedule. The results have been handed over to C.SIS for validation and will be made available at the beginning of January.

Following the Converter tests, the second half of 2012 was dedicated to the migration rehearsals – first with a limited number of Member States and later, with all of the migrating Member States. The Limited Migration Rehearsal provided valuable input and lessons learned for the Global Migration Rehearsal. All migration procedures, including the entry into operation test, have now been rehearsed at least once by the Central SIS II project team and the migrating Member States. The next step will be the live data migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II starting early in 2013.

The Commission continued working closely with the Member States in writing the Migration Manual, a document setting out in detail the steps outlined in the Migration Plan. It also describes roles and responsibilities throughout the process and describes the detailed schedule for the migration. The Migration Manual is undergoing a last update based on the findings of the Limited and Global Migration Rehearsal. In order to ensure the smooth migration to the SIS II, the COM has in addition supported Member States' initiatives to step-up the data cleansing activities, i.e. to clean up inconsistent, incomplete or obsolete alerts from the SIS 1 database.

2.3.2. Legal framework

The Commission proposed in May 2012 an amendment to the legal framework governing the actual data migration (the so-called migration instruments). Within the framework of the consultation procedure, the European Parliament issued its legislative resolution, at the plenary session on 20-22 November 2102. Following its adoption by the Council on 20

⁶ Common Article 10 (3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 of 24.10.2008 (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008) and of Council Decision 2008/839/JHA of 24.10.2008 (OJ L 299, 8.11.2008).

December, the recast entered into force on 30 December 2012⁷ thus securing the legal framework for a technically optimised migration process and a possibility of extra financial support to the national projects in relation to migration activities.

During the course of 2012 the SIS-VIS Committee⁸ (SIRENE formation), meeting four times, reviewed, updated and agreed the text of the revision of the SIS II SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for the purpose of SIS II. The respective adoption of the Commission Implementing Decision is foreseen before the entry into operation of the SIS II.

2.4. SIS II network

For operational purposes, Member States have both main and back-up interfaces with the wide area communication network, enabling the secure communication of the central and national systems.

During the reporting period, the process of reactivating Member States' back-up interfaces continued. A number of tests involving switching between main and back-up sites took place in this reporting period. All these test were executed successfully.

The SIS II legal instruments describe the communication infrastructure dedicated to SIS II data and the exchange of data between SIRENE Bureaux⁹. Following the Member States confirmation of the technical specifications of the SIS II SIRENE mail relay, the Commission finalised the procurement procedures. The mail relay was installed in the first half of 2012 and was first tested by means of the so-called SIRENE Basic Connectivity Tests, for which the Commission organised four timeslots for Member States to perform the aforementioned tests. The final wave took place on 4 and 5 September 2012. All of the 11 participating Member States passed the tests.

2.5. Security

The technical solution for a second encryption layer, to further strengthen the network security for SIS II, was thoroughly and successfully tested with Germany and Austria in September 2012. The SIS-VIS Committee endorsed the roll-out of the technical solution, which has already started and will be completed in February 2013.

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1. Financial aspects

3.1.1. SIS II budget

By the end of the reporting period, the total budgetary commitments made by the Commission on the SIS II project since 2002, amounted to EUR 167 632 518. The corresponding contracts include feasibility studies, the development of the Central SIS II itself, support and quality assurance, the SIS II network, preparation for operational management in Strasbourg, security, biometrics preparations, communication and experts' mission expenses.

⁷ Council Regulation (EU) No 1272/2012 of 20 December on migration of the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 359, 29.12.12, p. 21) and Council Regulation (EU) No 1273/2012 of 20 December on migration of the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 359, 29.12.12, p. 32)

⁸ SIS-VIS regulatory committee established on the basis of Article 51 of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 (OJ L 381, 28.12.2006) and Article 67 of Council Decision 2007/533/JHA (OJ L 205, 7.8.2007)

⁹ Common Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 (OJ L 381, 28.12.2006) and of Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007 (OJ L 205, 7.8.2007)

Of this amount, EUR 128 372 295 had actually been paid between 2002 and the end of December 2012. The main expenditure items were development (EUR 70 792 838), the network (EUR 30 375 617), support and quality assurance (EUR 12 612 386) and preparation for operational management in Strasbourg and Sankt Johann im Pongau (EUR 9 309 334).

3.1.2. Additional financing for Member States' national development

In order to support the completion of national development projects through the European External Borders Fund (EBF), a significant reallocation of resources towards SIS II national projects was undertaken within the 2011 programming for the EBF. The Community Actions part of the EBF has been made available to eight Member States with constraints to accommodate their extra needs in their annual programmes for 2011.

These projects commenced at the end of 2011 and most of them have been completed by the end of 2012.

Furthermore, the Commission has made all the necessary arrangements to launch a call for proposal allowing Member States to apply for the additional contributions under common Article 16 of the recast migration instruments at the beginning of 2013. In total, EUR 13 million has been made available and EUR 715 000 has been fixed as upper limit per Member State (to be co-financed 25 % from national resources).

3.2. Operational management

3.2.1. The Agency for the operational management of the large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)

The preparatory activities to set up the eu-LISA¹⁰ (in particular the recruitment of the staff, the fitting of the temporary premises, the finalisation of the key documents such as the work programme for 2012 and 2013 and the negotiation of agreements with host Member States and associated countries) significantly intensified during the reporting period.

Building on the preparatory work undertaken by the Commission, the Agency took up its core responsibilities from 1 December 2012. At that opportunity, the third Management Board took place in Tallinn on 29-30 November, in the presence of Mr. Krum Garkov, the Executive Director of eu-LISA since 1 November 2012.

The first meeting of the SIS II advisory group took place on 6-7 June 2012. The next meeting will take place in January 2013.

The eu-LISA will take up its responsibilities as regards the operational management of SIS II once the system is brought into operation.

3.2.2. SIS II Transition

The coaching by the Main Development Contractor of the C.SIS in the operational management of the SIS II is on-going with a view to handing over the SIS II production environment to C.SIS/eu-LISA in the first half of 2013. The draft operational handbook has been continuously updated with a view to be completed in cooperation with Member States by January 2013. According to the plan outlined by eu-LISA, a hand-over of operational management, as well as of the governance aspects of operations carried out by the Commission, to eu-LISA will consist of three phases and will be completed by May 2013.

¹⁰ Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 October 2011 (OJ L 286/1, 1.11.2011)

3.3. Project management

3.3.1. Global Programme Management Board (GPMB)

The GPMB continued to provide advice on a variety of Central System-related issues and has further enhanced consistency between central and national SIS II projects. In this reporting period, the regular meetings of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council, the Commission, several Member States' experts (including one newly nominated by Estonia) and the Commission's main contractors focused in particular on the Comprehensive test and the solution to the setback encountered in Finland. The representatives of the Finnish national project management team participated in the GPMB sessions on an *ad hoc* basis.

Twenty-three plenary GPMB meetings took place during the period covered by this report.

3.3.2. SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II)

Several key documents on migration and testing were approved at the five meetings of the SIS-VIS Committee on SIS II technical matters in the period July – December 2012.

In addition to regular SIS-VIS Committee meetings, working groups of the Committee and workshops, involving Member States' experts, are organised to discuss detailed technical issues. These meetings generally focus on issues arising from specific project deliverables:

- The Test Advisory Group (TAG), provides the SIS-VIS Committee with an opinion on issues related to the organisation, implementation and interpretation of tests. This group held eleven meetings in the reporting period.
- The Change Management Board (CMB), provides advice on classification, qualification and the potential impact of the implementation of reported Change Requests. When the technical requirements for the SIS II application were reviewed in 2010, it was made clear that the specifications would be frozen until entry-into-operation of the SIS II system. This working group, which also reports to the SIS-VIS Committee, was therefore not formally convened in 2011. However, in 2012, Member States and the Commission reviewed and updated the CMB rules of procedure to allow Member States to assess whether the planned changes in their national systems are in compliance with the Central System. Five meetings of this working group took place in 2012.
- The Migration Experts Group (MEG) is an *ad-hoc* group of Member States' experts, the Commission project team members, the Operator of the system after go-live and the main contractor. This expert group has been used in order to prepare in detail and follow up the execution of the different migration rehearsals. Eleven meetings took place during the reporting period.

3.3.3. National planning and coordination

The Member States' national project managers (NPM) meetings are organised regularly by the Commission to allow the detailed exchange of information on all activities with relevance to the global project status. Also in this reporting period, it dealt in particular with the global schedule, testing, migration, the transition to the SIS II, the SIS II operational handbook and the SIS II Task Force reports. During this reporting period, five NPM meetings took place.

3.3.4. Council

The Commission has continued to keep all relevant Council bodies regularly informed about the SIS II project implementation, including the timetable and budgetary aspects. In an overall

constructive atmosphere, a number of technical, legal and budgetary issues in relation to central project have been clarified at preparatory levels. Wherever necessary, the Commission has, in addition to the meetings, communicated with the Member States concerned via other channels, such as bilateral letters. The Commission presented a SIS II state of play at each of the three JHA Councils held under the Cypriot rotating presidency of the Council.

The Commission circulates a weekly flash report, summarising technical developments, to colleagues involved in the project at national level.

3.3.5. European Parliament

The European Parliament continued to be supportive to the SIS II and it has lifted the reserve of part of the credits for the SIS II project in the 2012 EU General Budget.

In order to maintain complete transparency, the Commission keeps the European Parliament informed on the whole range of aspects of SIS II development beyond the obligatory reports stemming from legal instruments and Council conclusions.

In addition to the provision of a SIS II project update to the LIBE Committee, the European Parliament has been informed about the latest state of play of SIS II at the plenary session of 19-22 November 2012 at the occasion of the debate on the proposed recast of the migration instrument.

3.3.6. Risk management

The Commission closely monitors the risks in the SIS II project with the support of its quality assurance contractor. For each identified risk, a mitigation plan is established specifying the mitigation measures to be taken. The list of identified risks is updated on a weekly basis and is discussed with the Global Programme Management Board every month.

The main risks during the reporting period were the following:

- the readiness of the Member States (end-user applications) and notably the timely implementation of "Plan B" in Finland;
- the limited time remaining for contingency in the migration schedule.

3.3.7. *SIS II information campaign*

According to the SIS II legal basis the Commission shall, in cooperation with the national data protection authorities and the European Data Protection Supervisor, accompany the start of operation of SIS II with an information campaign informing the public about its objectives, the data stored, the authorities having access and the rights of persons.¹¹

The preparation of the campaign has been accelerated in September 2012. The Commission invited each Member State to designate a contact persons in charge of the campaign coordination on national level and involved the national data protection authorities and the European Data Protection Supervisor as well. Building on the previous cooperation with the Member States, the Commission concluded the contracts for the main deliverables (a leaflet, poster and a short video animation).

Member States will be responsible for disseminating this information materials according to their needs (at border crossings, police stations, consulates etc.).

4. PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

During the next reporting period, there will be nine principal areas of activity:

- the completion by the end of January 2013 of the Comprehensive test by those five Member States that have to rerun the test,
- the completion by the beginning of February 2013 of the SIRENE functional tests campaign (within the responsibility of the Member States),
- the Member States' notification of their legal and technical readiness to process SIS II data and exchange supplementary information,
- the adoption before the entry into operation of SIS II of an updated Commission Implementing Decision on the SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for SIS II,
- the Live Data Migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II which is scheduled to take place between 22 January and 27 March 2013,
- the entry into operation of SIS II (provisionally scheduled for 27 March 2013 and subject to further decision on the final date by the Council)
- the 30 days Intensive Monitoring Period following the entry into operation of SIS II
- the launch of the SIS II information campaign,
- the hand over of the SIS II to eu-LISA.

5. CONCLUSION

Thanks to the goal-oriented approach of all stakeholders, the challenges encountered during this reporting period were addressed successfully, allowing the SIS II project to remain on track for the planned go-live at the end of the first quarter of 2013.

The expected completion of the Comprehensive test, at the start of 2013, will mark an end to the series of test campaigns aiming at reaching the maturity of the entire system.

¹¹ Common Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 (OJ L 381, 28.12.2006) and of Council Decision 2007/533/JHA (OJ L 205, 7.8.2007).

Therefore, the SIS II project is now about to reach its final stage, that is the actual migration of data between SIS 1+ and SIS II. The ultimate and timely transition to SIS II, including the adoption of a decision on the switchover date, represents the over-riding priority for the following reporting period (January – June 2013).

Budget execution				
	<u>From 2002 to Dec 2012</u>		<u>From January to Dec 2012</u>	
<u>(EUR)</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Payments</u>
<u>Development (HP/Stéria)</u>	<u>85.530.668</u>	<u>70.792.838</u>	<u>4.937.621</u>	<u>19.720.697</u>
<u>Development (Atos)</u>	<u>3.921.248</u>	<u>3.301.041</u>	<u>386.207</u>	<u>2.036.541</u>
<u>Support & quality assurance</u>	<u>15.852.914</u>	<u>12.612.386</u>	<u>2.760.645</u>	<u>3.119.889</u>
<u>Network</u>	<u>45.335.129</u>	<u>30.375.617</u>	<u>6.809.121</u>	<u>5.392.500</u>
<u>Operational management preparation</u>	<u>12.986.242</u>	<u>9.309.334</u>	<u>4.020.348</u>	<u>2.232.031</u>
<u>Security</u>	<u>1 358 310</u>	<u>386.914</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>169.202</u>
<u>Studies / Consultancy</u>	<u>1 064 410</u>	<u>963 207</u>	<u>103 279</u>	<u>20 947</u>
<u>Information Campaign</u>	<u>183.943</u>	<u>33 373</u>	<u>150.570,38</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Experts Mission Expenses</u>	<u>1.384.780</u>	<u>582.711</u>	<u>181.494</u>	<u>266.134</u>
<u>Others</u>	<u>14 874</u>	<u>14 874</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>167.632.518</u>	<u>128.372.295</u>	<u>19.349.285</u>	<u>32.957.941</u>

SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II) and Working Group Meetings

a) Meetings held during the reporting period

JULY 2012	
4, 10, 18, 24	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
26	SIS II National Project Managers Meeting
26	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	SIS II TAG meeting (Test Advisory Group)
5, 18	SIS II CMB meeting

AUGUST 2012	
1, 8, 22, 29	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
7, 14, 21, 28	SIS II TAG meeting (Test Advisory Group)

SEPTEMBER 2012	
5, 13, 19, 25	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
27	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
27	SIS II National Project Managers Meeting
4, 11	SIS II TAG meeting (Test Advisory Group)
6	SIS II Migration Workshop
20, 26	SIS II MEG meeting

OCTOBER 2012	
3, 10, 24, 30	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
26	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
26	SIS II National Project Managers Meeting
11, 18, 25	SIS II MEG meeting

NOVEMBER 2012	
6, 14, 21, 28	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
14/ 23	SIS-VIS Committee (SIRENE/ SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
23	SIS II National Project Managers Meeting
7, 14, 22, 29	SIS II MEG meeting
30	SIS II CMB meeting

DECEMBER 2012	
5, 12, 19	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
14	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
14	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
6, 13	SIS II MEG meeting
6, 13	SIS II CMB meeting

SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II) and Working Group Meetings

b) Meetings provisionally scheduled during the following reporting period

JANUARY 2013	
9, 16, 23, 30	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
24	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
24	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
10, 17, 24, 31	SIS II MEG meeting

FEBRUARY 2013	
6, 13, 20, 27	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
26	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting)
26	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
7, 14, 21, 28	SIS II MEG meeting

MARCH 2013	
6, 13, 20, 27	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
27	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting))
27	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
7, 14, 21	SIS II MEG meeting

APRIL 2013	
3, 10, 17, 24	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
26	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting))
26	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
4, 11, 18, 25	SIS II MEG meeting

MAY 2013	
8 , 15 , 22, 29	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
30	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting))
30	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
16 , 23 , 3	SIS II MEG meeting

JUNE 2013	
5 , 12 , 19, 26	SIS II Global Programme Management Board
28	SIS-VIS Committee (SIS II Technical Formation Meeting))
28	SIS II National Project Managers' Meeting
6 , 13 , 20, 27	SIS II MEG meeting