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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	National Parliaments
Subject:	Council implementing decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2017 evaluation of Iceland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation

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In accordance with Article 15(3) of Council Regulation 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013, establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen, the Council hereby transmits to national Parliaments the Council implementing decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2017 evaluation of Iceland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Available in all official languages of the European Union on the Council public register, doc.

Council Implementing Decision setting out a

**RECOMMENDATION**

**on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2017 evaluation of Iceland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The purpose of this Decision is to recommend to Iceland remedial actions to address deficiencies identified during the Schengen evaluation in the field of police cooperation carried out in 2017. Following the evaluation, a report covering the findings and assessments, listing best practices and deficiencies identified during the evaluation was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)103.
- (2) A strong point of the international cooperation system in Iceland is the Nordic Cooperation framework, in particular the liaison officer network. Moreover, Iceland has a well-established Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for international information exchange.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27.

- (3) In light of the importance to comply with the Schengen acquis, in particular the requirement to give well trained law enforcement access to the international information systems needed, priority should be given to implement recommendations 1, 5, 7 and 8 below.
- (4) This Decision should be transmitted to the European Parliament and to the parliaments of the Member States. Within three months of its adoption, Iceland should, pursuant to Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, establish an action plan listing all recommendations to remedy any deficiencies identified in the evaluation report and provide that action plan to the Commission and the Council,

RECOMMENDS:

that Iceland should

1. consider – with a view to the ever increasing international flows in Iceland - re-establishing a 24/7 service for international police cooperation by dedicated International Department staff;
2. improve the user-friendliness of the LÖKE system (national police database);
3. consider giving the police direct access to the law enforcement relevant parts of the customs databases;
4. make better use of the Europol Information System (EIS) with the assistance of Europol;
5. revise the access policy to Interpol I-24/7 and enable simultaneous use by the International Cooperation Department and the Police Telecommunication Centre staff;
6. consider connecting the case management system GoPro and LÖKE;
7. notify the designated authorities and central access point to the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council and ensure that appropriate technical and organisational measures are in place to allow the access to the Visa Information System (VIS) for law enforcement purposes;

8. consider raising awareness of international police cooperation tools, e.g. by promoting the police intranet (International WIKI) and providing regular training.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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