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Delegations will find in the annex the Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2018 evaluation of the Republic of Lithuania on the application of the Schengen *acquis* in the field of police cooperation, adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 8 July 2019.

In line with Article 15(3) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013, this Recommendation will be forwarded to the European Parliament and national Parliaments.

Council Implementing Decision setting out a

RECOMMENDATION

on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2018 evaluation of the Republic of Lithuania 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[1], 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 Lithuania remedial actions to address deficiencies identified during the Schengen evaluation in the field of police cooperation carried out in 2018. 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(2019) 660.

(2) This decision setting out a recommendation should be transmitted to the European Parliament and to the parliaments of the Member States. Within six months of its adoption, the evaluated Member State shall, pursuant to Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, provide the Commission its assessment of the possible implementation of the recommendations containing indications for possible further improvements and a description of actions where required.

[1] OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27.

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

that Lithuania should:

1. swiftly step up its contribution to and its use of the EIS, notably e.g. through the full implementation of the existing data loader;

2. improve the POLIS Browser in order to implement the fuzzy logic search *and ensure* the automatic appearance (pop-up) of relevant warning marks/actions to be taken;

3. update its Case Management System (ILOS) so that timers (deadlines) are delivered automatically;

4. Closely monitor possible staffing need at the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) so as to cater for the increasing number of tasks and related requests;

5. raise awareness on existing EU guidelines on the use of preferred channel of communication;

6. raise awareness on the benefit of the Swedish Framework Decision (SFD)[1] and International police cooperation tools such as Interpol databases for instance through the training of end-users;

7. develop specific training for SPOC staff, including language course.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

[1] Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA of 18 December 2006 on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States of the European Union.