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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Public access to documents - Confirmatory application N° 37/c/01/26-
Information to delegations

Delegations will find attached:

- the request for access to documents sent to the General Secretariat of the Council on 9 October 2025 and registered on the same day (Annex 1);
- the replies from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 20 November 2025, 8 December 2025, 12 December 2025 and 3 June 2026 (Annex 2);
- the confirmatory application dated 23 June 2026 and registered on the same day (Annex 3).

From: document-request@cis.consilium.europa.eu
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Requested document(s)

1: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 4th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period Dec 20 - June 21)

#2: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 7th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period June 22- Dec 22)

#3: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 8th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period Dec 22 - June 23)

#4: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 9th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period June 23 - Dec 23). Extra information on the website of the Council: ST 6242 2024 INIT - NOTE 06/02/2024

#5: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 10th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period Dec 23 - June 24)

#6: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 11th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period June 24 - Dec 24)

#7: Report on the development of Interoperability. eu-LISA's 12th Interoperability Progress Report (covering period Dec 24 - June 25)

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2nd option

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Brussels, 20 November 2025

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E-mail: **DELETED**

Ref. 25/2923

Request made on: 09.10.2025

Deadline extension: 30.10.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

On 30 October 2025, the time-limit for replying to your application was extended by 15 working days, until 20 November 2025.

However, the General Secretariat is still conducting internal and external consultations necessary to the examination of the seven eu-LISA Interoperability Progress Reports you requested and you will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

We apologise for the delay in replying to your request.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).



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Brussels, 8 December 2025

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E-mail: **DELETED**

Ref. 25/2923

Request made on: 09.10.2025

Deadline extension: 30.10.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

Further to our previous correspondence, please find attached a partially accessible version of the Council document **6242/24**² in which personal data have been redacted in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 and European legislation regarding the protection of personal data.³

However, I regret to inform you that full access cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

Document **6242/24** of 6 February 2024 is a note from the General Secretariat of the Council to delegations containing the *eu-LISA's 9th interoperability progress report* on the state of play of the development of the interoperability.

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

² Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

Having consulted eu-LISA who is the originating source of this document, I have to inform you that eu-LISA does not consent to the provision of full access to the requested file. The basis for the decision of eu-LISA is the protection of the public interest as regards public security, Article 4(1)(a) first indent of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Document **6242/24** contains, among others, security-sensitive information, and its disclosure would reveal details over the authentication and access control architecture. Furthermore, it contains the rollout dates in the implementation workstream that, combined with operational issues in other sections, would provide clues for targeting and thus would undermine public security.

As a consequence, the General Secretariat has to refuse full access to this document.

Having examined the context in which the document was drafted, on balance the General Secretariat could not identify any evidence suggesting an overriding public interest in its full disclosure.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

Please also note that we have not yet managed to identify internally the remaining eu-LISA's interoperability progress reports that you requested. We have launched further consultations and you will be informed of the outcome as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact directly the eu-LISA at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Enclosure



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Brussels, 12 December 2025

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E-mail: **DELETED**

Ref. 25/2923-ADD2

Request made on: 09.10.2025

Deadline extension: 30.10.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

Further to our previous correspondence, and having duly consulted with eu-LISA who is the originator of the interoperability progress reports you requested, we would like to inform you that the 11th and 12th reports have not yet been issued by eu-LISA. Once finalised and adopted, they will be shared with the Council.

As to the existing 4th, 7th, 8th and 10th reports, our consultations with eu-LISA on their possible release to the public, in full or partially, are ongoing and you will be informed of the outcome as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).



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Brussels, 3 June 2026

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E-mail: **DELETED**

Ref. 25/2923-ADD3

Request made on: 09.10.2025

Deadline extension: 30.10.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

Further to our previous correspondence, please find attached partially accessible versions of the 4th, 7th, 8th and 10th Interoperability Progress Report issued by eu-LISA. However, I regret to inform you that full access cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

Having consulted eu-LISA who is the originating source of these reports, I have to inform you that eu-LISA does not consent to the provision of full access to the requested documents. The basis for the decision made by eu-LISA is the exception laid down in Articles 4(1) and 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Article 4(1)(a), first indent, of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides that “the institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of (...) the public interest as regards (...) public security”.

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

With reference to sections 2.3 of the documents, they contain the rollout dates in the implementation workstream that, combined with operational issues in sections 5 and 6, might provide clues for targeting and thus might undermine public security.

With regard to sections 3 of the documents, they contain security-sensitive information. Eu-LISA is of the opinion that the release of sections 3 to the public would reveal details over the authentication and access control architecture.

Article 4(3) of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides that “access to a document containing opinions for internal use as part of deliberations and preliminary consultations within the institution concerned shall be refused even after the decision has been taken if disclosure of the document would seriously undermine the institution's decision-making process, unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure”. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the documents contain administrative and operational assessments whose disclosure could undermine the eu-LISA’s decision-making process.

As a consequence, the General Secretariat has to refuse full access to these documents in order to protect the public interest as regards public security and the EU institution’s decision-making process.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

We would also like to inform you that the 11th and 12th reports have not yet been issued by eu-LISA. Once finalised and adopted, they will be shared with the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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From: **DELETED**

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 4:38 PM

To: TRANSPARENCY Access to documents (COMM) <Access@consilium.europa.eu>

Subject: Re: Ref. 25/2923-ADD3

Dear Reader,

Many thanks for sharing the documents (with sections redacted) and the letter of the General Secretariat of the Council.

I want to request the Council to review the decision to redact various sections of the requested documents. I am not interested in obtaining any information that may be security sensitive. Yet I think it is important that the Council considers carefully whether or not all the redacted sections of the documents should in fact be redacted.

Overall, given that interoperability a major and complex project, it is in the public interest that these documents are publicly available as much as possible, allowing, among other things, for scholarly engagement. The Council has already decided to make publicly available various editions of the progress reports, such as the 3rd, 5th and 6th Interoperability progress reports, begging the question whether the requested editions cannot be made fully public.

Because these documents report on past states - containing obsolete decisions, revised roll-out dates, and already-implemented interoperability components - I would like to ask the Council to consider whether the arguments for redacting or withholding these sections are still valid (for all the requested documents).

Thank you for the opportunity.

Best regards,

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