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Estonian situation with SIS Recast implementation

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Estonian Ministry of the Interior it is my deepest regret to inform you that Estonia was unable to declare its readiness on time to allow to go live with the SIS Recast according to the agreed timeline on 22 November. Please find below an overview of Estonia's current state of play with the SIS Recast implementation.

Estonia launched PSAT test on 19 October, which was last test of different EU tests series. After finishing the test on 21 October, unfortunately it showed several problems in our national systems are still present. Our technical team carried out an in-depth analysis and investigations to understand the problems and how, and within which timeframe, these could be solved to be able to go live. The conclusions of the analysis are the following:

- With current system readiness, Estonia is not ready to go Live with SIS Recast in 2022;
- Main problems that emerged from the PSAT test are:
 - o Data loss (approx. 10%);
 - o Performance issues (can't handle the broadcasts);
 - Data quality is not acceptable.
- By 9 January 2023 at the latest, Estonia can start another PSAT test;
- By 18 January 2023 at the latest, Declaration of Readiness to be submitted.

The information has been also shared with the members of the eu-LISA Management Board Members.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for the delay and additional challenges caused by it to all of us. I count on your understanding and also take the opportunity to thank once more the Commission, eu-LISA and Member States for their continuous support towards solving Estonia's SIS Recast problems.

Yours Sincerely,

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