

The Schengen Information System concerns you

This leaflet is intended to answer
your questions.

Read it.

Official bodies are available
to provide any further information
you require.

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Reference documents:

- The Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985
- The Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 19 June 1990

These documents will be sent to you, on request, by
the Secretariat of the Joint Supervisory Authority,
whose address can be found overleaf.

SCHENGEN JOINT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

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THE SCHENGEN INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Schengen Agreement and the Convention implementing the Agreement have led to the creation of an area of free movement of persons by abolishing controls at internal borders between the Member States and by introducing the principle of a single set of controls on entry to the Schengen territory. For security reasons, it has been necessary however to introduce compensatory measures, the most important of which is the Schengen Information System (SIS).



The SIS is a database which is used by all the Schengen Member States and brings together two main categories of information, firstly, data on wanted persons or persons under surveillance, and secondly, data on missing vehicles or objects.

For instance, the following may be recorded in the Schengen Information System:

- Wanted persons or persons under police surveillance,
- Missing person or persons who should be placed under protection, in particular minors,
- Non-Schengen nationals who are banned entry to the Schengen territory,
- Persons whose identity is fraudulently used as an alias by other persons.

The SIS is monitored by an independent body: the Schengen Joint Supervisory Authority (JSA).

This authority, which is made up of members of the national authorities for the protection of personal data from the Schengen Member States, is responsible, inter alia, for carrying out technical checks on the central database located in Strasbourg and ensuring that the Member States uphold individuals' rights of access enshrined in the Schengen Convention.

YOUR RIGHTS VIS-À-VIS THE SIS

The SIS directly concerns you, **whether you are a national of a Schengen Member State or not.**

The Schengen Convention itself recognizes **the rights of individuals.** These include:

- the right to access information concerning you which is contained in the SIS,
- the right to correct data, where there is a de jure or de facto mistake,
- the right to apply to the courts or competent authorities to demand that data be corrected, deleted or that damages be awarded,
- the right to ask for data to be checked and to question the use made of such data.

If you have reason to believe that your name appears in the SIS, **do not hesitate to exercise your rights.** The national data protection authorities in the Schengen Member States are there to provide you with any useful information you may require to further your case.

Any checks on your alert in the SIS (to establish whether the reasons for your inclusion in the SIS are founded and any personal data which concerns you) will be carried out in accordance with the national legislation that applies in whichever country you choose to exercise your rights. At your request, **you will be sent information on the national law applicable** by the relevant national data protection authority, whose address can be found overleaf. You will then be informed of the results obtained, or of the follow-up given to your request.