

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EURODAC



➤ WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS BROCHURE?

You are receiving this brochure because your biometric data needs to be taken by the authorities



Biometric data means fingerprints and your photograph.



This data, together with information on your identity and other relevant information, will be transmitted to the Eurodac database.

Your rights during this process and what is expected of you is explained in this brochure.

➤ WHAT IS EURODAC?

Eurodac is a European database that stores and compares information on certain categories of person entering the EU+ countries. These categories are detailed in this brochure.

This database is used by 31 EU+ countries who can process your data and retrieve your information. If you travel to another EU+ country without permission and your data is taken again, all of your data that is stored in Eurodac will be seen by the authorities of that country. In some cases, your data will be updated with new information.

➤ WHICH ARE THE EU+ COUNTRIES?

You are now in Latvia which is an EU+ country.

The EU+ countries are:



the 27 Member States of the European Union (EU): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and



4 other countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

▶ WHAT IS THE AIM OF EURODAC?

Eurodac has five main aims:

- ✔ to help EU+ countries decide which country is responsible for examining an application for international protection
- ✔ to help monitor regular and irregular migration to the EU+ countries
- ✔ to share information between national authorities and prevent crime and terrorism
- ✔ to make sure that children arriving in Europe can be traced and protected
- ✔ to make sure other European databases containing information on aspects such as visas work correctly.



▶ WHOSE DATA IS STORED IN EURODAC?

Eurodac contains data of people who are not nationals of an EU+ country who:

- ✔ applied for international protection
- ✔ crossed the border of an EU+ country without permission
- ✔ have been disembarked to an EU+ country after being rescued at sea
- ✔ are staying illegally in an EU+ country
- ✔ arrived in an EU+ country through an EU resettlement or humanitarian admission programme or national resettlement programme
- ✔ have been granted temporary protection.

➤ WHO CAN SEE MY DATA?

The national asylum authorities in the EU+ country will take your biometric data and transmit it, together with other relevant data, to Eurodac and receive the result of the comparison.

The EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and national police may request access to Eurodac for the purpose of preventing, detecting and investigating serious crimes and terrorism. They may search for your data in Eurodac.

! **IMPORTANT!** The authorities in your home country will not be able to access this information.

➤ WHAT HAPPENS IF I REFUSE TO GIVE MY FINGERPRINTS?



You are obliged by law to provide your biometric data.

There are important reasons why your fingerprints are needed. If you have applied for asylum, this is a necessary step in the procedure.

Fingerprint data can also help finding family members present in the EU+ countries.

If your fingertips are damaged, fingerprints will be taken again in the future.

If you damage your fingerprints on purpose, there will be negative consequences.

For example, if you have made an application for asylum, the procedure may be stopped.

If the procedure is stopped in your case, this means you are no longer considered an applicant (asylum seeker). You will lose all rights connected to that status, now and in the future.

The authorities of the EU+ countries may use coercion as a last resort to obtain your biometric data. They may also detain you, as a measure of last resort, to determine or verify your identity.

If you refuse to provide your fingerprint data to the authorities in this country, there will be specific consequences.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS REGARDING MY EURODAC DATA?

Every EU+ country has an authority that controls data use. You have the right to contact the data controller and data protection officer and ask to access your data that is stored in Eurodac.

You can request your information to be corrected if you feel it is:

- inaccurate and needs to be corrected
- incomplete and needs updating

You can request that your information is deleted if you feel it is

- entered into Eurodac unlawfully.

You can find the contact details for the data controller and data protection officer on the final page of this brochure, titled '**other useful information**'.

If you would like to make a formal complaint about the handling of your data, you can contact the national supervisory authority.

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OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON THE CONTACT DETAILS OF THE OFFICE OF THE DATA CONTROLLER

Below you can find information on how to contact the office of the data controller and the data protection officer in this country.

The data controller can inform you about which of your personal data has been stored in Eurodac. If your personal data has not been stored accurately, you can request for this data to be corrected.

If you feel any of your information has been handled unlawfully you can request that this information is deleted by using the contact information below.

Valsts robežsardze | State Border Guard | www.rs.gov.lv

Pilsonības un migrācijas lietu pārvalde | Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs | www.pmlp.gov.lv

INFORMATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE DATA SUBJECT

In this country, you have the following specific rights regarding the use of your personal data.

Information on the rights of the data subject can be found on the website of the Data State Inspectorate www.dvi.gov.lv

INFORMATION ON THE CONTACT DETAILS OF THE NATIONAL SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES

You can use the information below to contact the national supervisory authority in this country.

You can make a formal complaint to the national supervisory authority if you feel that any of your personal data has been handled unlawfully.

Datu valsts inspekcija | Data State Inspectorate | www.dvi.gov.lv

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