

Minority Opinion
On the establishment of an entry / exit system (EES) (2016/0106 (COD))

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
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With the initial aim of facilitating the crossing of the external borders of the EU, EES will establish a file of third-country nationals entering and leaving the EU, facilitate interoperability with other databases by creating a vast system for the collection of data - biometrics in particular - including for children from the age of 12, in disregard of international law and setting a dangerous precedent.

Assimilating border control and combating crime, police forces will be able to access the file under the same conditions as border guards, thus confusing two very different objectives, denying the principles of necessity and proportionality, and linking migration with crime and terrorism.

There will be "good travelers" who can enter the territory according to the ad hoc administrative procedures, and all the others on which a presumption of irregularity will arise without an individual examination of their situation, particularly for vulnerable persons who will be automatically notified to the Members States.

The conditions under which this text is examined, given its nature and importance, are detrimental to legislative work considering the risks for the human rights of thousands of men, women and children.

At the very least, the recommendations of the European Data Protection Supervisor should have been better taken into account.