



Parlamentul României Senat

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Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on automated data exchange for police cooperation (“Prüm II”), amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, 2019/817 and 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council
COM (2021) 784 final**

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on automated data exchange for police cooperation (“Prüm II”), amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, 2019/817 and 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council - COM (2021) 784 final – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 2).

Taking into account the report of Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of May 2, 2022,

- (1) notes that the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on automated data exchange for police cooperation (“Prüm II”), amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, 2019/817 and 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council - COM (2021) 784 final – respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
- (2) recommends that the current flexibility in choosing the channel through which information should be exchanged be maintained, in order to grant Member States the opportunity to choose the best solutions for a complete exchange of information;
- (3) draws attention to the major impact of the draft Regulation from a financial point of view, generated by the adaptation and modification of the current information systems of the National Institute of Forensics: Automatic identification system based on papillary impressions of people (AFIS), National Data System Forensic Genetics (DNA), Facial Identification and Recognition System (NBIS);
- (4) stresses that synergistic coordination of the negotiation process remains important, so that the final legislative proposal generates increased efficiency and effectiveness for all measures and actions, while respecting the elements of Member States' sovereignty.