

ORAL QUESTION H-0819/06
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: New timetable for introducing the second-generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)

We have been informed that a new timetable is being drawn up for introducing the second-generation Schengen Information System (SIS II), meaning that Slovenia, which meets all the criteria for inclusion in SIS II, will only be able to join the system much later than originally envisaged. If that is the case, could you please answer the following questions.

Will the delay mean that fulfilment of the Schengen criteria which we have already met will need to be reassessed, and exactly what purpose will the previous assessments then serve?

Given that the delay has arisen for reasons to do with the EU, not the activities of the Member States, how will the EU assist in meeting the costs caused by this delay (wages, facilities already in place for securing the Schengen border, etc.)?

In view of the plan for the old Member States to implement SIS II first, and then all the others, I would ask why not proceed according to each Member State's actual ability to implement the system, irrespective of whether it is an old or new Member State?

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