



Questions and answers

Technical implementation & Juridical matters

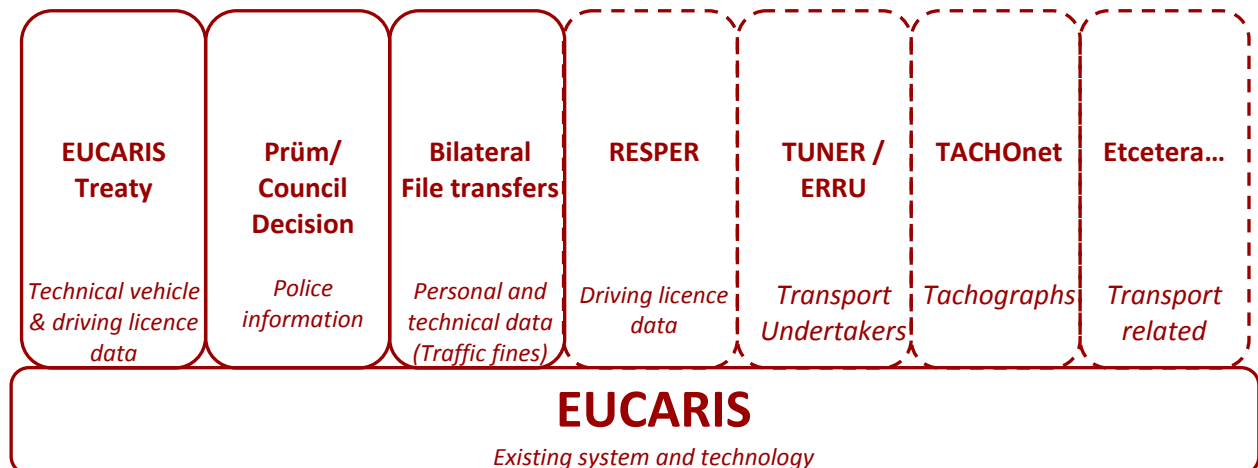
General information

What is EUCARIS?

EUCARIS is the **EU**ropean **CAR** and driving licence **I**nformation **S**ystem and is a unique system that provides opportunities to countries to share their car and driving licence registration information, helping to fight car theft and registration fraud. EUCARIS is developed by and for governmental authorities.

What is the philosophy behind the EUCARIS technology?

EUCARIS wants to avoid that for every agreement, Treaty, directive or any other measure a new system has to be developed. This prevents re-inventing the wheel, investing money and having a 'spaghetti' of connections. One basic, simple but innovative technology should be the basis of information exchange within the European transport sector.



Which countries are participating in EUCARIS

At this moment 19 countries are making use of the technology of EUCARIS, of which 16 countries collaborate within the legal framework of the EUCARIS Treaty. For a full list of all participants, please see annex 1.

Who is in charge at EUCARIS?

Within the EUCARIS organisation the Participants' Board is the highest authority. The Participants' Board reassembles high representatives of national vehicle and driving licence registration authorities like ministries and government agencies. The Participants' Board decides to contribute certain tasks to a specific Member State. For example: Luxembourg is the nominated party for the depositary of the Treaty and The Netherlands are appointed as secretary state and party for ICT / operations.

What needs to be done in order enter the EUCARIS cooperation?

When a country wishes to become a member of EUCARIS, we ask the country to send a Declaration of Endorsement, signed by the responsible Minister, to the EUCARIS Secretariat. Once this Declaration is signed, a country can start implementing the system and start exchanging data through EUCARIS. In a later stage all Member States will have to adhere to the EUCARIS Treaty.

Juridical and financial matters

How much does EUCARIS cost?

The annual budget for EUCARIS is about 350.000 euro. All administrative and operating costs are included in this budget. Every Member State pays its equal share of the contribution, based on the number of applications used (Vehicle & Driving Licence application; Prüm Police information application; Bilateral File Transfer application; Bilateral Owner/Holder application). The contribution for the EUCARIS Vehicle and Driving Licence application is about **14.000 euro** in 2009. The contribution for the other applications in 2009 is about **7.000 euro**.

What is the legal basis for EUCARIS?

The different applications of EUCARIS all have their specific legal bases, which are:

- For the Vehicle and Driving Licence Application this is the **EUCARIS Treaty**. Since adhering to a Treaty can be a long national legal process, countries that wish to adhere to the Treaty can start using EUCARIS after signing a **Declaration of Endorsement** (by a Minister).
- The **Prüm Treaty**, later converted into **EU Council Decisions** 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA, is the legal basis for the exchange of data through the EUCARIS Prüm application.
- A **bilateral or multilateral agreement** can be the basis for a bilateral or multilateral information exchange through the EUCARIS File Transfer application or the EUCARIS Owner/Holder application. Examples of these agreements are the agreements between The Netherlands and Germany or France and Belgium and an agreement of the Benelux on traffic fine collection.

Technical implementation of EUCARIS

How long does it take to implement EUCARIS?

The installation and configuration of EUCARIS can be done in a day. However much depends on whether you have already got the necessary hardware, network connection and expertise on Windows platforms.

What takes most time in the implementation process?

EUCARIS makes use of the sTESTA network: a high secured network under the supervision of the European Commission. In case your country has already got a national contact point (which is the case for most EU Member States), not much work has to be done. Otherwise you need to establish a sTESTA connection, which might take up to three months time.

EUCARIS needs to be connected to your national registry. It can take a couple of days to establish this connection between EUCARIS and your national legacy if your register already has a web service. If you haven't got a web service available, but do have the expertise on web services within your organisation, it will take you some weeks to build the necessary functionalities. Without any expertise on web services this process might take longer.



Can I get assistance from the EUCARIS organisation?

The EUCARIS organisation can provide you with the necessary assistance. There is a helpdesk available by phone and e-mail. Also we can give an on-site workshop to provide your national ICT experts with all the skills needed.

How much does the implementation of EUCARIS cost?

Much depends on the hardware you have already got. With an investment in new hardware as from 5.000 euro you can handle a normal, average amount of requests through EUCARIS. It is important that your hardware is scalable: so that an extra server can be added when you start processing more requests through EUCARIS.

Extra information

You can find extra information on the website of EUCARIS www.eucaris.net. and you can ask for extra information via secretariat@eucaris.net. The EUCARIS Overview Document and the EUCARIS User Requirements will then be sent to you by the EUCARIS Secretariat.

If you have any questions whatsoever please get in touch via secretariat@eucaris.net



Annex 1: List of EUCARIS participants

Country	Vehicle information	Driving Licence	File transfer	Prüm
Austria				X
Belgium	X	0	2009	2009
Bulgaria	Interested	Interested		
Cyprus	Interested	Interested		
Denmark				
Estonia	X	X		
Finland				2009
France	Interested	Interested	2009	X
Germany	X	X	X	X
Greece	Interested	Interested		
Hungary	X	0		2009
Iceland	0	0		
Ireland	0	0		
Italy	X / 2009	X / 2009	Interested	2009
Latvia	X	X		
Lithuania	X	X		2009
Luxembourg	X	X	Interested	X
Malta	Interested	Interested		
Norway	Interested	Interested	Interested	
Poland	Interested	Interested		2009
Portugal				
Romania	X	0		2009
Slovakia	X	0 X / 2009		2009
Slovenia	X / 2009	X / 2009		2009
Spain				X
Sweden	X	0		2009
Switzerland	Interested	Interested	2009	
The Netherlands	X	X	X	X
United Kingdom	X	X	Interested	
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	0	0		
<i>Guernsey</i>	0	0		
<i>Jersey</i>	0	0		
<i>Isle of Man</i>	0	0		
<i>Gibraltar</i>	0	0		

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