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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis* and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen², and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Articles 5 and 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, multiannual evaluation programmes and annual evaluation programmes are to include proposals for the evaluation of individual Member States as regards their application of the Schengen *acquis*. Pursuant to Articles 5(4) and 6(1)(b) of that Regulation, such programmes may also provide for evaluations that cover specific parts of the Schengen *acquis* across several Member States referred to as “thematic evaluations”.
- (2) In accordance with the multi-annual evaluation programme 2020-2024³ and annual evaluation programme for 2020⁴ a thematic evaluation of Member States` national strategies for integrated border management was carried out in 2019 and 2020.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 14(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, an evaluation report is to be drawn up following each evaluation. A general report should be elaborated on the basis of this thematic evaluation. In addition, specific country reports should be adopted reflecting the findings and assessments of the on-site team, and take into account national strategies for integrated border management and the replies of the

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² OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 3692 of 17 May 2019 establishing the multi-annual evaluation programme 2020-2024 in accordance with Article 5 of the Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 7278 of 15 October 2019.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 7969 of 31 October 2019 establishing the first section of the annual evaluation programme for 2020 in accordance with Article 6 of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis*, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 1653 of 19 March 2020.

Member State evaluated to a targeted questionnaire⁵. Each finding should be given one of the following assessments: compliant, compliant but improvement necessary or non-compliant.

- (4) Besides covering qualitative, quantitative, operational, administrative and organisational aspects, as considered relevant by the on-site team, the reports should list any shortcoming identified during the thematic evaluation.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 21 of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The report of 2019 – 2020 thematic evaluation of the Member States` national strategies for integrated border management is set out in Annex 1.

The report for each evaluated Member State and Schengen Associated Country is set out in Annexes 2 to 26.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, French Republic, Italian Republic, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 6863 of 30 September 2019 establishing a standard questionnaire in accordance with Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis.

This Decision is also addressed to the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway.

Done at Brussels, 17.12.2020

For the Commission
Ylva JOHANSSON
Member of the Commission

