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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 7.11.2023

amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 57 final of 13 January 2023 establishing the multiannual evaluation programme for 2023-2029 in accordance with Article 12(1) and 31(1) of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis

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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 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis*, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013¹, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Articles 12(1) and 31(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2022/922, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2023) 57 final, establishing a multiannual evaluation programme for 2023-2029.
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision of 8 December 2022 on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in the Republic of Croatia, the checks on persons at internal land and sea borders between Croatia and the other Member States in the Schengen area were lifted on 1 January 2023. Checks at internal air borders were lifted on 26 March 2023.
- (3) The Decision on the multiannual evaluation planning for the period of 2023-2029 must therefore be amended in order to include periodic evaluation of Croatia, which should take place no later than 12 months from the date of full application of the Schengen *acquis* in this Member State.
- (4) It is planned that the periodic evaluation of Croatia will start in December 2023 and will be completed by the end of February 2024. In this context, the Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 56 final establishing the annual evaluation programme for 2023 is also amended in parallel to this Decision.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Schengen Committee established in accordance with Article 30 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 57 final is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

OJ L 160, 15.6.2022, p. 1–27.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7.11.2023

For the Commission Ylva JOHANSSON Member of the Commission

> CERTIFIED COPY For the Secretary-General

Martine DEPREZ
Director
Decision-making & Collegiality
EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 57 final of 13 January 2023 is amended as follows:

The third row, second column of the table with "Provisional time schedule for the periodic evaluations" in 2024 is replaced by the following: 'HR, PL, HU, SK, CZ'.