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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN -
General matters)

Date: 23 March 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

EUROPA BUILDING

Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format: 1+2+1

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda
2. 11th round of mutual evaluations: presentation and adoption of a draft report
 - Report on Slovakia
 - = 6943/26 (to be issued)

3. Proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of the amending Protocol modifying the definition of terrorist offences in the CoE Convention on prevention of terrorism
 - Presentation by the Commission, examination
 - = 6952/26 (to be issued)
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4. Council of Europe's recommendation on migrant smuggling – Commission's intention to enter into discussions on behalf of the EU – Follow-up of the discussions in the JHA Counsellors meeting on 9 February 2026
 - Continuation of exchange of views
 - = WK 1949/26 (to be issued)
5. Joint Investigations Network (JITs):
 - a) Draft Council Resolution for a revised text of the JITs model agreement
 - Presentation by the JITs Network Secretariat, examination
 - = 6954/26 (to be issued)
 - b) Revised Guidelines on the Network of National Experts on Joint Investigation Teams
 - Presentation by the JITs Network Secretariat
 - = WK 3486/26 (to be issued)
 - c) Highlights of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Network of National Experts on Joint Investigation Teams (5 and 6 November 2025, Eurojust, The Hague)
 - Presentation by the JITs Network Secretariat
 - = 5797/26
6. European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)
 - a) G7 Roma-Lyon Group Report - Mutual legal assistance in criminal matters between the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the competent authorities of the G7 States
 - Information from Germany
 - = WK 3068/26
 - b) Replacement of the German European Prosecutor
 - Information from the Council Legal Service
7. Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) – Ongoing work in the Working Party on JHA Information exchange (IXIM)
 - Information from the Presidency

8. Directive (EU) 2024/1226 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures and amending Directive (EU) 2018/1673 – Implementation
 - Information from the Commission
9. Possible additional protocol to the United Nations Convention against transnational crime (UNTOC), dedicated to crimes that affect the environment – Expert group session in Vienna on 24-26 February
 - Debriefing by the Commission
10. International negotiations in the field of criminal law – Updated overview of ongoing negotiations
 - Exchange of views
 - = WK 3508/26 (to be issued)
11. Interception of telecommunications and other surveillance measures
 - Presentation by Eurojust of its note
 - = WK 882/26
12. EU-U.S. Senior Officials Meeting on Justice and Home Affairs (Paphos, Cyprus, 26 March 2026)
 - Information by the Presidency
13. AOB

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