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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Justice and Home Affairs)

ECCL, Luxembourg

1 and 2 October 2026 (09:00, 10:00)

Format 1+2+1 (+2 in listening room)

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 (09.00)

HOME AFFAIRS

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA ('SCHENGEN COUNCIL')

Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area

- a) Situational update

- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions:
increasing internal security through enhancing information
exchange and leveraging technological developments

Exchange of views

Improving returns through enhanced readmission cooperation with
priority third countries

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

OTHER HOME AFFAIRS ISSUES

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum¹
State of play

Reinforcing the EU's migration situational awareness and early
warning capabilities, including during crisis situations^{1 2}
Exchange of views

Implementing the EU drugs strategic framework: drug-related
intimidation³
Exchange of views

Countering security challenges: assessment by the European
domestic intelligence services^{1 4 5 6}
State of play



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- ¹ In the presence of the Schengen Associated Countries.
² In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, Europol and Frontex.
³ In the presence of the European agencies EUDA and Europol.
⁴ Electronic devices must be kept outside.
⁵ In the presence of the European agencies Europol and Frontex.
⁶ In the presence of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána (Irish national security service).

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security^{1 4 5}
Exchange of views



Any other business

- a) Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) Baltic Sea security summit (Flensburg, 28 August 2026)
Information from Germany

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026 (10:00)

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Revision of the Eurojust Regulation
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity⁷
State of play

European Public Prosecutors' Office⁸
State of play

The protection of civil society and journalists⁹
Exchange of views

Conclusions on combating racism and racial discrimination in Europe
Approval
*Exchange of views*⁹

⁷ In the presence of the European agency Eurojust.

⁸ In the presence of the European Chief Prosecutor.

⁹ In the presence of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

Any other business

- a) Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement

Information from the Commission

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In the margins of the Council:

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 (09.00)

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

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Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability¹²

State of play

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

¹⁰ In the presence of the European agencies CEPOL, EUAA, eu-LISA, Europol, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and Frontex.

¹¹ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA and Frontex

¹² In the presence of the European agency eu-LISA.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Restricted item

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