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## **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Justice and Home Affairs)  
Europa building, Brussels  
4 and 5 December 2023 (10:00, 10:00)

### **Format 1+3 (+2 in listening room)**

### **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023 (10.00)**

### **JUSTICE**

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)

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Regulation on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters  
*General approach*



Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU on the rights of victims  
*Policy debate*



Any other business  
Current legislative proposals  
*Information from the Presidency*

## Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity <sup>1</sup>  
*State of play*

(poss.) Study on the functioning of the EPPO  
*Exchange of views*

Council position and findings on the application of the General Data  
Protection Regulation (GDPR)  
*Approval*

European e-Justice strategy 2024-2028  
*Approval*

EU accession to the European Convention for the Protection of  
Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR)  
*State of play*

Any other business

- a) Appointment of the Director for the European Union Agency for  
Fundamental Rights (FRA)  
*Information from the Presidency*
- b) EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home  
Affairs, Skopje, 26-27 October 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*
- c) EU-US Ministerial meeting on Justice and Home Affairs,  
Washington, 13-14 November 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*
- d) EU-US negotiations on an e-evidence agreement  
*Information from the Commission*
- e) (poss.) Annual Report on the application of the EU Charter of  
Fundamental Rights  
*Information from the Commission*
- f) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Presentation by Belgium*

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<sup>1</sup> The EU agency Eurojust is invited to this item.

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023 (10.00)**

**HOME AFFAIRS**

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

**Non-legislative activities**

Overall state of the Schengen area

- a) Schengen barometer
- b) Making the return systems more effective

*Exchange of views*

(poss.) Council Decision on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in Bulgaria and Romania (\*)

(Legal basis: Article 4 (2) of the 2005 Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania)

*Adoption*

**OTHER HOME AFFAIRS ISSUES**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Pact on Migration and Asylum <sup>2</sup>



*Progress report*

Any other business

- a) Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse

*Information from the Commission*

- b) Current legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

**Non-legislative activities**

Migration and asylum: external dimension <sup>2 3</sup>

*Progress report*

Consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine <sup>4</sup>

Internal security

*Exchange of views*

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<sup>2</sup> Exceptionally in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

<sup>3</sup> The EU agencies Frontex, Europol and EUAA are invited to this item.

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The implications of the situation in the Middle East for the EU's internal security <sup>2 5</sup>  
*Exchange of views*



Countering security challenges: assessment by the Intelligence Advisory Board <sup>2 6</sup>  
*Presentation by the President of the Counter Terrorism Group (CTG)*  
*State of play*



Council recommendation on a blueprint regarding critical infrastructure  
*Progress report*



Any other business

- a) EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs, Skopje, 26-27 October 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*
- b) EU-US Ministerial Meeting on Justice and Home Affairs, Washington, 13-14 November 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting of the High-Level Group on access to data for effective law enforcement, Brussels, 21 November 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*
- d) Consultation meeting of states bordering Russia and Belarus, Vilnius, 27 October 2023  
*Information from Lithuania*
- e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Presentation by Belgium*

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<sup>5</sup> The EU agency Europol is invited to this item.

<sup>6</sup> The EU agency Europol and the President of the Counter Terrorism Group (CTG) are invited to this item.

**In the margins of the Council of the European Union:**

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023 (10.00)**

**Meeting of the SCHENGEN MIXED COMMITTEE**

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

**Non-legislative activities**

Overall state of the Schengen area <sup>7</sup>

- a) Schengen Barometer
- b) Making the return systems more effective

*Exchange of views*

(poss.) Council Decision on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in Bulgaria and Romania




(Legal basis: Article 4 (2) of the 2005 Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania)

*Policy debate*

Any other business

Current legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

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-  First reading
  -  Restricted item
  -  Item based on a Commission proposal
  - (\*) Item on which a vote may be requested

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<sup>7</sup> The European agencies Frontex, Europol, eu-LISA and EUAA are invited to this item.