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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)

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 - a) Situational update 12837/1/26 REV 1

- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions: increasing internal security through enhancing information exchange and leveraging technological developments 13285/26

Exchange of views

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Exchange of views

5. Implementation of interoperability 12923/26

State of play

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6. Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

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7. Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum^{1 2}

State of play

8. Reinforcing the EU's migration situational awareness and early warning capabilities, including during crisis situations^{1 3} 12918/26

Exchange of views

9. Implementing the EU drugs strategic framework: drug-related intimidation⁴ 12796/26

Exchange of views

¹ In the presence of the Schengen Associated Countries.

² In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, eu-LISA and Frontex.

³ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, Europol and Frontex.

⁴ In the presence of the European agencies EUDA and Europol.

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| 10. | Countering security challenges: assessment by the European domestic intelligence services ^{1 5 6 7}
<i>State of play</i> |  | |
| 11. | The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security ^{1 5 6}
<i>Exchange of views</i> |  | 12997/26 |
| 12. | Any other business | | |
| a) | 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | | 13207/26
13487/26 |
| b) | A European Emergency Mechanism to address instrumentalisation and hybrid threats at the EU external borders
<i>Information from Greece</i> | | 13311/26 |
| c) | Data retention
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FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026 (10:00)

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Legislative deliberations

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

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| 13. | Revision of the Eurojust Regulation
<i>Policy debate</i> |   | 12859/1/26
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| 14. | Any other business | | |
| a) | Current legislative proposals
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> |   | 13051/26 |

⁵ Electronic devices must be kept outside.
⁶ In the presence of the European agencies Europol and Frontex.
⁷ In the presence of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána (Irish national security service).
¹ In the presence of the Schengen Associated Countries.
⁵ Electronic devices must be kept outside.
⁶ In the presence of the European agencies Europol and Frontex.

Non-legislative activities

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| 15. | Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity ⁸
<i>State of play</i> | 12865/26 |
| 16. | The protection of civil society and journalists ⁹
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 12958/26 |
| 17. | Conclusions on combating racism and related forms of hatred and discrimination in the European Union: Safeguarding Fundamental Rights and European Values
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> ⁹ | 12748/26
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| 18. | Any other business | |
| a) | 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | 13207/26
13091/26 |
| b) | Report on the implementation of Recommendation (EU) 2023/681 on procedural rights of suspects and accused persons subject to pre-trial detention and on material detention conditions
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | 12931/26
13300/26 |
| c) | Data retention
<i>Information from France</i> | 13437/1/26
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⁸ In the presence of the European agency Eurojust.
⁹ In the presence of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).
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In the margins of the Council:

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 (09.00)

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA (“SCHENGEN COUNCIL”)

Overall state of the Schengen area¹⁰

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| a) | Situational update | 12837/1/26 REV 1 |
| b) | Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions: increasing internal security through enhancing information exchange and leveraging technological developments
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 13285/26 |
| | Improving returns through enhanced readmission cooperation with priority third countries ¹¹
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 13021/26 |
| | Implementation of interoperability ¹²
<i>State of play</i> | 12923/26 |
| | Any other business | |
| a) | Baltic Sea security summit (Flensburg, 28 August 2026)
<i>Information from Germany</i> | 13001/26 + COR 1 |
| b) | Current legislative proposals
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> |  13051/26 |



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Restricted item

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.