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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Justice and Home Affairs)
19 and 20 October 2023

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

HOME AFFAIRS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 13958/23.

**2. Approval of "A" items
Non-legislative list**

13959/23

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

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

Non-legislative activities

3. Overall state of the Schengen area

a) Schengen Barometer

13666/23

b) Fighting cross-border crime, especially migrant smuggling

13901/23

Exchange of views

4. Implementation of interoperability

13707/23

Exchange of views

OTHER HOME AFFAIRS ISSUES

Legislative deliberations

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

5. Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse



Progress report

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency regarding the Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse.

6. Pact on Asylum and Migration¹



Progress report

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency regarding the progress made in the interinstitutional negotiations on the different files under the Pact on Migration and Asylum (Asylum Procedure Regulation, Asylum and Migration Management Regulation, Screening Regulation, Amended Proposal on Eurodac Regulation and on the Crisis Regulation).

7. Decision amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism



Progress report

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play on the ongoing legislative revision of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. The file is advancing quickly with finalisation anticipated before the end of the year.

8. Any other business

Current legislative proposals

13950/23

Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of different legislative proposals in the field of Home Affairs.

Non-legislative activities

9. Asylum and migration: external dimension^{1 2}

13996/23

Exchange of views

10. The implications of the situation in the Middle East for the EU's internal security^{1 3}

Exchange of views

¹ Exceptionally in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

² The EU agencies Frontex, Europol and EUAA were invited to this point.


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| 11. | Preventing online radicalisation of minors: state of play and next steps ³
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 13718/23 |
| 12. | Any other business | |
| a) | EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Skopje, 26-27 October 2023)
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 11958/23 |
| b) | Balticconnector disruption and data cable damage
<i>Information from Estonia and Finland</i> | 14281/23 |
| c) | International Donor's Conference on Humanitarian Demining in Ukraine (Zagreb, 11-12 October 2023)
<i>Information from Croatia</i> | 14225/23 |

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

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| 13. | Directive harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law
<i>Policy debate</i> |  13600/23 |
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The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a Directive harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law.

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| 14. | Any other business
Current legislative proposals
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 13950/23 |
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The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of different legislative proposals in field of justice.

Non-legislative activities

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| 15. | Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity ⁴
<i>State of play</i> | 13632/23 |
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³ The EU agency Europol was invited to this point.

⁴ The EU agency Eurojust was invited to this point.

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| 16. | Judicial cooperation with Latin America to fight organised crime: ⁵
a) EU-CELAC summit (Brussels, 17-18 July 2023): follow-up
b) Europe and Latin America programme of assistance against transnational organised crime (future project “EL PAcCTO 2.0”)
<i>State of play</i> | 13680/23 |
| 17. | Efforts to improve the efficiency and the quality of the justice systems
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 13684/23 |
| 18. | Conclusions on digital empowerment and fundamental rights
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> ⁶ | 13399/23 + COR 1
+ ADD 1 |
| 19. | Any other business | |
| a) | Accession of the EU to the Istanbul Convention
<i>Information from the Presidency and the Commission</i> | 13773/23 |
| b) | EU-US negotiations on an e-evidence agreement
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | |
| c) | EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Skopje, 26-27 October 2023)
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 11958/23 |
| d) | Communication on the EU roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | 14114/23 |



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

⁵ The representative of “EL PAcCTO 2.0” was invited to this point.

⁶ The Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency was invited to this point.