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3. **The future of EU migration and asylum policy** 14364/19 + **COR 1**
Policy debate

The Council held an exchange of views on the future of EU migration and asylum policy.

4. **The future of EU Internal Security** 14297/19 + **COR 1**
Policy debate

The Council confirmed the horizontal work streams set out in the Presidency Report (14297/19) in view of guiding future developments in the area of Internal security.

5. **Update by the Counter-Terrorism Group (CTG) on further cooperation between competent authorities dealing with counter-terrorism**¹ 
Exchange of views

The Council took note of the update by the Counter-Terrorism Group (CTG) on further cooperation between competent authorities dealing with counter-terrorism.

7. **Implementation of interoperability** 14189/19
Information from the Commission and the Presidency 14190/19
Exchange of views

The Council took note of the information provided at the meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level (15020/19).

8. **Implementation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation** 14198/19
a) **Multiannual strategic policy for the European Integrated Border Management**
b) **State of play of implementation**
Exchange of views

The Council confirmed the outcome of the discussion of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level (15020/19).

¹ Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

9. **Any other business**

a) **EU cooperation mechanism on the prevention of radicalisation**

Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the update by the Commission on the EU cooperation mechanism on the prevention of radicalisation

b) **Salzburg Forum Ministerial Conference
(Vienna, 6-7 November 2019)**

14153/19

Information from Austria

The Council took note of the information provided by the Austrian delegation.

c) **Presidency report on the progress made in the fields of
Justice and Security**

14404/19

Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the Presidency report on the progress made in the fields of Justice and Security.

d) **EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting
(Washington DC, 11 December 2019)**

14165/19

Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

e) **EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and
Home Affairs (Skopje, 18-19 November 2019)**

14344/19

Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

f) **Search and Rescue activities (SAR) in the
Mediterranean**

Information from Italy

The Council took note of the information provided by the Italian delegation.

**g) Meeting of Interior Ministers of the Visegrad Group,
(Prague 21 November 2019)**

Information from Czech Republic

The Czech Republic informed the Council about a meeting of Ministers of the Interior of the Visegrad Group plus Austria which took place in Prague on 21 November 2019. Ministers discussed mainly issues of future of the EU internal security, internal security cooperation with the United Kingdom after Brexit and a new approach to migration and asylum.

h) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Presentation by Croatia

The Council took note of the oral presentation of the programme of the incoming Croatian Presidency.

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15. EPPO: Setting up of the European Public Prosecutors Office

14064/19

State of play

The Commission informed Ministers on the state of play of the setting up of the EPPO since the last JHA Council meeting in October. The Presidency referred to the launch of the process for the appointment of the European Prosecutors.

The European Chief Prosecutor, Ms Laura Codruta Kövesi, presented her plans and vision for the EPPO. Having regard to the number of investigations and proceedings that are expected to fall under its remit at to the deadline of the end of 2020 for full operationalisation, she stressed the importance of providing EPPO with sufficient staff and resources, to allow the Agency to properly and effectively perform its tasks.

The Commission stressed its readiness to provide full support. A call to reinforce the budget of the EPPO was made also by some delegations.

17. **Digital Justice: e-evidence**

- a) **Negotiations for EU-US agreement on cross-border access to e-evidence** 13713/19 R-UE
- b) **Negotiations on a second additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention** 14342/19 R-UE

State of play

The Commission updated on the state-of-play of two ongoing negotiations in the area of e-evidence: within the Council of Europe on the Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention and with the US for an agreement on cross-border access to e-evidence. Ministers called for a swift adoption of the internal EU rules on e-evidence.

18. **Any other business**

- a) **Retention of data for the purpose of fighting crime:
Follow up of June Council conclusions** 10083/19
- Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the progress of the implementation of its conclusions on Data Retention of June 2019 made so far by the Commission and invited it to take all the necessary efforts to find a balanced solution at EU level.

- b) **Presidency report on the progress made in the fields of
Justice and Security** 14404/19
- Information from the Presidency*

The Council took note of the Presidency report on the progress made in the fields of Justice and Security.

- c) **EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting
(Washington DC, 11 December 2019)** 14165/19
- Information from the Presidency*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- d) **EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Skopje, 18-19 November 2019)** 14344/19
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- e) **Conference on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights 10 years (Brussels, 12 November 2019)**
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission about the Conference on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights that took place on 12 November 2019 in Brussels.

- f) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Presentation by Croatia

The Council took note of the oral presentation of the programme of the incoming Croatian Presidency.

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-  First reading
-  Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Restricted item
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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