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**From:** Presidency  
**To:** Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)  
**Subject:** Eighth round of mutual evaluations - Order of visits and observers

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In line with Article 2 of the Joint Action 97/827/JHA of 5 December 1997, the GENVAL Working Party decided at its meeting of 14 December 2016 that the eighth round of mutual evaluations will be devoted to the practical implementation and operation of the European policies on preventing and combating environmental crime. The draft questionnaire proposed as a basis for the evaluation, in its current version, is set out in doc. [7752/17](#). A further revised version will be issued with a view to the GENVAL meeting on 5 May 2017.

With a view to further advancing the preparation process for the eighth evaluation round, delegations will find in the Annex a revised version of the proposed order of visits to the Member States. This suggestion takes into account, among others, of the preferences expressed by some delegations and of organizational needs linked to the planning of the evaluation visits.

As regards the composition of the evaluation teams, they will consist of two/three national experts, supported by one or two members of the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council and observers. Taking into account their respective fields of expertise, the Presidency suggests that the Commission, Eurojust and Europol are invited as observers in the eighth round of mutual evaluations.

In the light of the above, at its meeting on 5 May 2017, the GENVAL Working Party is invited:

- to endorse the proposed order of the visits to the Member States in the eighth round of mutual evaluations, as set out in the Annex;
- to agree on the proposed composition of the evaluation teams, as indicated above, regarding the observers.

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**8th round of Mutual Evaluations:  
Order of visits to the Member States**

<b>N.</b>	<b>MEMBER STATE</b>	<b>TIME OF THE VISIT</b>
1.	FRANCE	SEPTEMBER 2017
2.	SWEDEN	SEPTEMBER 2017
3.	FINLAND	SEPTEMBER 2017
4.	IRELAND	OCTOBER 2017
5.	NETHERLANDS	OCTOBER 2017
6.	ITALY	NOVEMBER 2017
7.	GERMANY	JANUARY 2018
8.	SLOVAKIA	JANUARY 2018
9.	BELGIUM	JANUARY 2018
10.	DENMARK	FEBRUARY 2018
11.	LATVIA	FEBRUARY 2018
12.	HUNGARY	FEBRUARY 2018
13.	GREECE	MAY 2018
14.	CZECH REPUBLIC	MAY 2018
15.	CYPRUS	MAY 2018
16.	POLAND	JUNE 2018
17.	MALTA	JUNE 2018
18.	SPAIN	JUNE 2018
19.	LUXEMBOURG	OCTOBER 2018
20.	ESTONIA	OCTOBER 2018
21.	SLOVENIA	OCTOBER 2018
22.	CROATIA	NOVEMBER 2018
23.	BULGARIA	NOVEMBER 2018
24.	ROMANIA	NOVEMBER 2018
25.	PORTUGAL	JANUARY 2019
26.	UNITED KINGDOM	JANUARY 2019
27.	AUSTRIA	FEBRUARY 2019
28.	LITHUANIA	FEBRUARY 2019