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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party for Schengen Matters / Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, Liechtenstein)
Date:	17 November 2023
Time:	10:00
Venue:	EUROPA BUILDING Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2 + 2

17 November 10h00

- 1) Adoption of the agenda

SCHENGEN GOVERNANCE - SCHENGEN COUNCIL

2) Preparation of the Schengen Council of 5 December 2023¹²

Overall state of the Schengen area

- Advanced Barometer data – Presentation by the Commission
- Making the return systems more effective – Presentation by the Presidency
15315/23 (Barometer)
15277/23 (Presidency note on return)
WK 15060/2023 (contribution from Europol)
- Discussion

3) Follow-up to the Schengen Council of 19 October 2023 – focus on migrant smuggling³

- Update by the Commission and agencies

4) Third voluntary fact-finding mission to Bulgaria to assess the latest developments in Bulgaria's application of the Schengen *acquis*

- Information by the Presidency, the Commission and the Bulgarian delegation
15393/23

SCHENGEN EVALUATIONS

5) Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Portugal on the application of the Schengen *acquis* in the field of management of the external borders

- Presentation and poss. adoption
15224/23

6) Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision setting out recommendations for remedial actions aimed at addressing the (serious) deficiencies identified in the 2023 unannounced evaluation of France on the application of the Schengen *acquis* in the field of the management of the external borders

- Presentation and poss. adoption
15046/23

¹ FRONTEX, eu-LISA, Europol and EUAA are invited for this agenda item.

² Delegations are encouraged to invite their experts on return to take part in this agenda item.

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7) Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Denmark on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return

- Presentation and poss. adoption
15314/23 (to be issued)

8) Schengen evaluation of **the Netherlands**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of the Netherlands on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
6477/23
- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of the Netherlands on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation
6747/23
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of the Netherlands on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return and police cooperation
13548/23

9) Schengen evaluation of **Italy**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Italy on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
15367/22
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Italy on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
14745/23

10) Schengen evaluation of **Austria**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of Austria on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
10214/23
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of Austria on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
14787/23

11) Schengen evaluation of **Sweden**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Sweden on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external borders
8721/23
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Sweden on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external borders
14790/23

12) Schengen evaluation of **Belgium**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Belgium on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the common visa policy
12570/23
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Belgium on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the common visa policy
14465/1/23 REV 1

13) Schengen evaluation of **Ireland**:

- Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of Ireland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation
10206/23
- Commission review to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of Ireland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation
14419/23

14) Priorities of the incoming Belgian Presidency

- Information by the Belgian delegation

15) A.O.B.

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

NB: Delegations are reminded to register their presence in the delegates portal.