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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:	12 and 13 November 2026
Time:	14:30, 10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

12 November 14.30

1. Adoption of the agenda

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2. Preparation of the Schengen Council meeting of 3 December 2026

Overall state of the Schengen area

a. Draft Council Conclusions on the Schengen Barometer (ST 15400/26)

- Information from the Presidency
- Exchange of views

b. Visa policy vis-à-vis Russia

- Information from the Presidency

3. Follow-up to the Schengen Council meeting of 1 October 2026*

- Information from the Presidency

4. Follow-up to the Schengen Senior Officials meeting (20-21 October 2026, Leuven, Belgium)*

a. Strengthening security while facilitating travel in the Schengen area

- Information from the Presidency

b. Schengen Council cycle 2026-2027: implementation and monitoring

- Information from the Presidency
- Information from the Commission (WK 17103/26)

13 November 10.00

SCHENGEN EVALUATIONS

5. 2025-2026 Schengen evaluation of Cyprus

a. Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision on the closure of Cyprus' action plan on the application of the Schengen acquis in the fields of data protection, return, management of external borders, police cooperation, common visa policy and the Schengen Information System, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/922 (ST 14872/26; ST 13957/26)

- Presentation by the Commission
- Discussion and possible agreement

b. Updates in connection with the full application of the Schengen acquis in Cyprus

- Information from the Commission
- Information from Cyprus

[1] Frontex, eu-LISA, Europol, EUAA, FRA and CEPOL are invited to participate in the items marked with an (*).

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6. Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priorities: Consolidating safeguards to guarantee fundamental rights in returns*

- Information from the Presidency
- Information from the Commission
- Presentation from the Frontex Fundamental Rights Office
- Presentation from the Fundamental Rights Agency
- Presentation from Italy
- Exchange of views

SCHENGEN EVALUATIONS

7. 2026 Schengen evaluation of Romania

Action plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2025 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis (ST 13958/26) + Commission review of the adequacy of the action plan (ST 14515/26)

- Presentation from Romania
- Presentation from the Commission

8. 2025 Schengen evaluation of Austria

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2025 evaluation of Austria on the application of the Schengen acquis (ST 9892/26 REV1) + Commission review of the adequacy of the action plan (ST 12812/26)

- Presentation from Austria
- Presentation from the Commission

9. 2021 Schengen evaluation of Italy

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of data protection (ST 11807/26) + Commission review of the adequacy of the action plan (ST 13606/26)

- Presentation from Italy
- Presentation from the Commission

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10. Summary of the Irish Presidency activities on the priorities

- Presentation from the Presidency

11. Priorities of the incoming Lithuanian Presidency

- Presentation from Lithuania

12. A.O.B.

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