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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: 20 February 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

20 February 2025 10.00

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Presentation of the priorities of the Polish Presidency**
 - Information by the Presidency
(WK 1906/2025)

SCHENGEN GOVERNANCE¹

3. Preparation of the Schengen Council meeting of 6 March 2025*

Overall state of the Schengen area

- a) Schengen Barometer (6174/25 to be issued)
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Exchange of views
- b) Implementation of the priorities of the annual Schengen Council cycle - Increasing the effectiveness of the return systems (6041/25)
 - Information by the Presidency
 - Exchange of views

SCHENGEN EVALUATIONS

4. Update on ongoing and planned Schengen evaluation activities, including periodic and thematic evaluations

- Information by the Commission

5. Draft COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION setting out recommendations addressing identified common areas for improvement resulting from the 2024 thematic Schengen evaluation ‘Bridging national gaps: towards an effective EU return system through common solutions and innovative practices’(17015/24; 5243/25; 6154/25 to be issued)

- Presentation by the Commission, information by the Presidency
- Discussion and possible agreement

6. 2023 Schengen evaluation of Finland

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2023 evaluation of Finland on the application of the Schengen acquis + Commission review of the adequacy of the action plan (13950/24; 5446/25)

- Presentation by Finland and by the Commission

7. Presentation of Member States action plans and Commission reviews of the action plans in the field of data protection

a. (poss.) 2021 Schengen evaluation of Greece

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2021 evaluation of Greece on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the data protection (9628/24) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (16031/24);

b. (poss.) 2022 Schengen evaluation of Luxembourg

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Luxembourg on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the data protection (15202/24) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (16028/24);

¹ FRONTEX, eu-LISA, Europol and EUAA are invited to participate in the items marked with an (*).

c. 2022 Schengen evaluation of Norway

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Norway on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the data protection (9286/24) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (16033/24);

d. (poss.) 2022 Schengen evaluation of Spain

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Spain on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the data protection (12570/24) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (16023/24);

e. 2022 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 the data protection (15859/24) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (6195/25 to be issued).

8. Best practices identified in the Schengen evaluations of Member States in the area of returns

- Presentation by EE
- Discussion

9. A.O.B.

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