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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: 19 February 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 1+2

19 February 2026 10.00

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. **Presentation of the priorities of the Cyprus Presidency**
 - Information by the Presidency
3. **Informal Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Ministers (Session II – Home Affairs) held on 22 January 2026 and Informal JHA Counsellors (Schengen) meeting held on 21 January 2026 in Nicosia (Cyprus)**
 - Debrief by the Presidency

SCHENGEN GOVERNANCE¹

4. **Preparation of the Schengen Council meeting of 5 March 2026***

Overall state of the Schengen area

 - a) **Schengen Barometer** (6206/26, doc to be issued)
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Exchange of views
 - b) **Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priorities: incentivising voluntary returns** (6200/26, doc to be issued)
 - Information by the Presidency
 - Exchange of views
5. **Council conclusions on strengthening national Schengen governance - Building blocks** (6058/26)*
 - Presentation by the Presidency
 - Exchange of views

SCHENGEN EVALUATIONS

6. **Update on ongoing and planned Schengen evaluation activities, including periodic and thematic evaluations**
 - Information by the Commission
7. **Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION setting out recommendations for remedial actions aimed at addressing the serious deficiencies identified in 2025 Schengen evaluation report of Portugal in relation to external border checks** (5035/26 + 6207/26, doc to be issued)
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Discussion and poss. agreement
8. **2024 Schengen evaluation of Slovakia**

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2024 evaluation of Slovakia on the application of the Schengen acquis (16499/25) + Commission review of the adequacy of the action plan (6208/26, doc to be issued)

 - Presentation by Slovakia and by the Commission

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

9. 2022 Schengen evaluation of Denmark

Action Plan to remedy the deficiencies identified in the 2022 evaluation of Denmark on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the data protection (14372/25) + Commission Review of the adequacy of the action plan (16619/25)

- Presentation by Denmark and by the Commission

10. A.O.B.

Frontex information on support in the field of management of external borders

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

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