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## COMMUNICATION

### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN -  
General matters)

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Date: 20 February 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 BRUSSELS

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### **Format: 2+2**

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda
2. 11<sup>th</sup> round of mutual evaluations: presentation and adoption of draft reports
  - Report on Finland  
= 5615/26
  - Report on Italy  
= 5617/26

3. Negotiations for Agreements between the European Union and Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey on cooperation between Eurojust and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of those third States
    - a) Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Algeria on cooperation between Eurojust and the authorities of the Republic of Algeria competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters
      - Revised text following COPEN on 15 September 2025 and contacts by the Commission with the Algerian authorities; presentation by the Commission, examination of the text
        - = WK 1947/26
        - = WK 1948/26
    - b) State of play of the other negotiations
      - Information from the Commission
  4. Council of Europe's recommendation on migrant smuggling – Commission's intention to enter into discussions on behalf of the EU
    - Follow-up of the JHA Counsellors meeting on 9 February 2025
      - = WK 1949/26 (to be issued)
  5. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to sign, in the interest of the European Union, the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters
    - Continuation of examination of the revised text by the Presidency
      - = 14200/25
  6. Future Convention on Crimes against Humanity – Reflections on the possible participation of the Union in the negotiations
    - Information from the Commission on the state of play
  7. Possible elaboration of a Council of Europe legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI)
    - Information from the Commission
  8. International negotiations in the field of criminal law – Updated overview of ongoing negotiations
    - Exchange of views
      - = WK 1951/26 (to be issued)
  9. AOB
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