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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Justice and Home Affairs)

Europa building, Brussels

5 and 6 March 2026 (09:30, 09:30)

Format 1+2+1 (+2 in listening room)

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026 (9.30)

HOME AFFAIRS

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA ('SCHENGEN COUNCIL')

Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area

- a) Schengen barometer

- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priorities:
incentivising voluntary returns
Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability: revised post-2026 roadmap
Approval

OTHER HOME AFFAIRS ISSUES

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

External dimension of migration^{1 2}
Exchange of views

Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum^{1 3}
State of play

Conclusions on the EU Drugs Strategic Framework
Approval

Future of Europol
Exchange of views

Impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU internal security: situation in Syria⁴
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) EU Agenda on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism
Information from the Commission

¹ In the presence of the Schengen Associated Countries.

² In the presence of the European agencies EUAA and Frontex.

³ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, eu-LISA and Frontex.

⁴ In the presence of the European agencies Europol and Frontex.

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2026 (9.30)

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Regulation on the protection of adults
General approach



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity⁵
State of play

Lawyers' independence in Europe: the EU's role and the Council of Europe Convention
Exchange of views

Conclusions on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights 2026
Approval
*Exchange of views*⁶

Any other business

- a) Initiative on Judicial Independence Day
Information from Poland
- b) Revision of the Eurojust Regulation
Information from the Commission

⁵ In the presence of the European agency Eurojust.

⁶ In the presence of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

In the margins of the Council of the European Union:

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Meeting of the SCHENGEN MIXED COMMITTEE

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Exchange of views

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Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

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- ①** First reading
 - C** Item based on a Commission proposal

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⁷ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, eu-LISA, Europol and Frontex.

⁸ In the presence of the European agency eu-LISA.