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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Justice and Home Affairs)

ECCL, Luxembourg

1 and 2 October 2026 (09:00, 10:00)

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

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 (09.00)

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) Situational update

- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions:
increasing internal security through enhancing information
exchange and leveraging technological developments

Exchange of views

Improving returns through enhanced readmission cooperation with
priority third countries

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

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

Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum^{1 2}
State of play

Reinforcing the EU's migration situational awareness and early
warning capabilities, including during crisis situations^{1 3}
Exchange of views

Implementing the EU drugs strategic framework: drug-related
intimidation⁴
Exchange of views

Countering security challenges: assessment by the European
domestic intelligence services^{1 5 6 7}
State of play



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- ¹ In the presence of the Schengen Associated Countries.
² In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, eu-LISA and Frontex.
³ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA, Europol and Frontex.
⁴ In the presence of the European agencies EUDA and Europol.
⁵ Electronic devices must be kept outside.
⁶ In the presence of the European agencies Europol and Frontex.
⁷ In the presence of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána (Irish national security service).

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security^{1 5 6}
Exchange of views



Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) A European Emergency Mechanism to address instrumentalisation and hybrid threats at the EU external borders
Information from Greece
- c) Data retention
Information from France

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026 (10:00)

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the Eurojust Regulation
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity⁸
State of play

The protection of civil society and journalists⁹
Exchange of views

⁸ In the presence of the European agency Eurojust.

⁹ In the presence of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

Conclusions on combating racism and related forms of hatred and discrimination in the European Union: Safeguarding Fundamental Rights and European Values

Approval

*Exchange of views*⁹

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) Report on the implementation of Recommendation (EU) 2023/681 on procedural rights of suspects and accused persons subject to pre-trial detention and on material detention conditions
Information from the Commission
- c) Data retention
Information from France

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In the margins of the Council:

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 (09.00)

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA (“SCHENGEN COUNCIL”)

Overall state of the Schengen area¹⁰

- a) Situational update
- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions:
increasing internal security through enhancing information
exchange and leveraging technological developments

Exchange of views

Improving returns through enhanced readmission cooperation with
priority third countries¹¹

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability¹²

State of play

Any other business

- a) Baltic Sea security summit (Flensburg, 28 August 2026)
Information from Germany

- b) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Restricted item

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¹⁰ In the presence of the European agencies CEPOL, EUAA, eu-LISA, Europol, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and Frontex.

¹¹ In the presence of the European agencies EUAA and Frontex

¹² In the presence of the European agency eu-LISA.