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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries at the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 9 October 2026

1. On 9 October 2026, the AHWP MFF – National and Regional Partnerships will examine the revised Presidency compromise text (Block 9) of Regulation establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/250.
2. Under item 1 of the agenda (CM 4426/26), the Presidency intends to invite representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) to the meeting so that they can share their views on the recitals related to Schengen relevant provisions subject to SACs participatory rights and contained in Block 9.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries at the meeting of the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 9 October 2026 for the specific agenda item, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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