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MEETING DOCUMENT

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Visa Working Party

Subject: Priorities of the incoming Belgian Presidency

Delegations will find attached the presentation of the priorities of the incoming Belgian Presidency.

**INCOMING BELGIAN PRESIDENCY
OF THE COUNCIL 
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2024**

**Visa Working Party
Priorities of the Belgian Presidency**

1 January – 30 June 2024

Priorities in Asylum & Migration

- 1. Aim for the final adoption of all the legislative proposals of the CEAS + all other remaining legislative files associated with the Pact*
- 2. Focus on the operationalization of the agreed reforms*
- 3. Continuing the reinforcement of the external migration policy and comprehensive partnerships*
- 4. Further enhancing the effectiveness of our return system*
- 5. Forward-looking discussions on the future of our return, visa and external border management policies*

Priorities in the Visa WP

- *Revision of the visa suspension mechanism*
- *Future of visa policy → « how to further reinforce visa policy to face growing migration and security challenges »*
- *Article 25a Visa Code → follow-up of current discussions & new approach Visa-IMEX(exp)*

Other topics of interest

- ***Kosovo visa liberalization (including COM proposal regarding Serbian passports)***
- ***Evaluation of the Visa Code***
- ***Commission report on visa-free regimes (follow-up)***
- ***Visa and asylum***
- ***Visa reciprocity with the US (including EBSP)***
- ***Suspension of visa exemption for Vanuatu***

Meeting calendar

JHA Council

25-26 January (informal - Brussels)

4-5 March (Schengen Council)

13-14 June (Schengen Council)

SCIFA

20 February

10 April

15-16 May (informal - Gent)

VISA WP

15 January – 19 February – 26 March –

24 April – 21 May – 24 June

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