

Thursday 7 March 2013

Justice and Home Affairs Council - Home affairs issues

The Council is due to adopt two decisions concerning the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (**SIS II**). These decisions fix the date of application of decision 2007/533/JHA ([OJ L 205, 7.8.2007](#)) and regulation 987/2006 ([OJ L 381, 28.12.2006](#)).

Regarding **Schengen governance**, the Council will take note of information from the Presidency on the state of play concerning the regulations

- establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis ([14358/11](#));
- amending the Schengen Borders Code (*regulation 562/2006*) in order to provide for common rules on the temporary reintroduction of controls at internal borders in exceptional circumstances: in case of a serious threat to public policy or internal security or in case of serious deficiencies related to the external border controls ([14359/11](#)).

In this context, ministers will also hear a presentation by the Commission of its "**Smart Borders Package**", which includes three proposals for regulations:

- establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the member states of the EU;
- establishing a Registered Travellers Program (RTP);
- amending Schengen Borders Code as regards the use of the EES and RTP.

Finally, ministers will take note of a joint presentation by the Counter Terrorism Coordinator, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the **security situation in the Sahel/Maghreb**. Following the presentation, ministers will be invited to discuss developments in the region, its implications for the EU's internal security, as well as measures that could be taken to counteract possible risks.

On the sidelines of the Council, the Mixed Committee (the EU plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland), will be briefed on the state of play regarding the **Schengen Information System** (SIS II) and will also discuss the two proposals for regulations concerning **Schengen governance**. Furthermore, the Committee will take note of the Commission presentation of its "**Smart Borders Package**".

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (Home affairs items), Justus Lipsius building, Bruxelles (10.00).

The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room on Wednesday 6 March at 14.00. A press conference will take place at the end of the meeting.

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Justice and Home Affairs Council - Justice issues

Justice ministers are expected to reach a political agreement on the regulation on **mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters** upon request of the person at risk ([10613/11](#)). This regulation is aimed at strengthening the rights of victims by establishing a legal framework to ensure that all protection measures taken in a member state benefit from an efficient mechanism of recognition which will allow their free circulation throughout the EU. The proposed regulation also aims at complementing Directive 2011/99/EU on the European Protection Order ("EPO Directive"), which covers protection orders in criminal matters ([14517/11](#)).

The Council will hold an orientation debate concerning the proposed revision of the 1995 regulation on the **protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data** and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection regulation) ([5853/12](#)). The discussion will focus on the implementation of a risk-based approach in the regulation and on the flexibility requirement for the public sector.

Moreover, ministers will have a first exchange of views on the recent proposal for a directive on the **protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law** ([6152/13](#)), following its presentation by the Commission. The proposed directive will replace Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA and aims at establishing minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area of counterfeiting of the euro and other currencies. It also introduces common provisions to strengthen the fight against those offences and to improve their investigation.

Further information

- Directive 2012/29/EU on minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime ([OJ L 315. 14.11.2012](#));
- Commission communication: A European Data Protection Framework for the 21st Century ([5852/12](#));
- Press release on the "EPO Directive" ([14517/11](#))

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