

Friday 7 June 2013

Justice and Home Affairs Council - home affairs issues

The Council will take stock of progress concerning two legislative proposals related to **Schengen governance**, namely:

- a regulation establishing an **evaluation and monitoring** mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis ([14358/11](#)), and

- a regulation 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](#)).

The presidency will inform the Council on the state of play in the negotiations on the **legal migration proposals** and on the **Common European Asylum System**. Ministers will also discuss the latest developments for the **protection of refugees from the Syria conflict**, after being briefed by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).

The Council will hold a debate on the suggested merger of Europol and the European Police College (CEPOL) as set out in the recent Commission proposal on the **Europol regulation**, with a view to guiding discussions at expert level.

Moreover, home affairs ministers will be invited to discuss measures suggested by the **counter-terrorism** coordinator concerning **foreign fighters and returnees** from a counter-terrorism perspective. They are also due to adopt conclusions which set the EU's priorities for the fight against serious and organised crime for the next four years.

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 in relation to Schengen governance. In addition, the Greek delegation is due to report to the Council on the implementation of its national action plan on asylum reform and migration management.

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (home affairs items), Kirchberg Conference Centre, Luxembourg (10.00).

The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room in Brussels on Tuesday 4 June at 10.00.

A press conference will take place at the end of the meeting.

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Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council - energy issues

The Council is due to adopt conclusions on the Commission communication entitled "Making the **internal energy market** work" ([16202/12](#)). The conclusions give political guidance for completing the internal energy market and achieving the 2014 and 2015 deadlines as well as improving the rights and roles of consumers. In addition, they include guidelines on how to contribute to the transition to the internal energy market of the future. The implementation of the conclusions will be reviewed by the end of 2014.

Ministers will also hold a debate on the Commission communication on "**Energy technologies and Innovation**" adopted on 2 May ([9187/13](#)). The debate will contribute to the ongoing reflection on priorities for research, development and innovation in energy until 2020 and beyond, as well as on the means to support the implementation of these priorities.

The Council will take note of a progress report on the draft directive on **indirect land-use change** (ILUC) amending the fuel quality (98/70/EC) and renewable energy (2009/28/EC) directives. The proposed directive ([15189/12](#)) aims to promote a transition to biofuels that deliver substantial greenhouse gas savings. The changes aim to minimise the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from situations when formerly non-agricultural land such as forests is used for food, feed or fibre production because agricultural land previously destined to this type of production has been converted to biofuel production. The proposal introduces in particular reporting of estimated emissions caused by indirect land use change and a limit to the contribution that conventional biofuels are supposed to make to attaining the targets of the renewable energy directive.

Furthermore, the Council will be informed on recent developments in the field of **international relations in the energy field**.

Event

Meeting of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (energy issues) - Kirchberg Conference Centre, Luxembourg (10.00).

The presidency will hold a press briefing in the Council press room in Brussels on Tuesday 4 June at 11.00.

A press conference will take place at the end of the meeting.

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