



BACKGROUND¹
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JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL Monday 9 November in Brussels

Given the deterioration of the situation on the ground, the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EU decided to convene an extraordinary Justice and Home Affairs Council on 9 November 2015.

The meeting will be chaired by **Jean ASSELBORN**, Luxembourg Minister of Immigration and Asylum.

The Council intends to strengthen and operationalise the European Union's response and to guarantee follow-up on and implementation of measures decided so far.

Home affairs ministers will receive the latest integrated analysis of the information available in the context of the Integrated Political Crisis Response (IPCR) arrangements activated by the Presidency last week.

Ministers will then hold a broad discussion on the basis of this information and on the progress made in implementing the most recent EU measures. They are also expected to establish a further course of action to handle the current refugee and migration crisis by adopting a set of conclusions.

The conclusions will focus in particular on the speeding up of the ongoing relocation process; strengthening the EU's external borders; fighting human trafficking and smuggling; return and readmission.

Representatives of the associate countries Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland will also be present at the meeting.

For more information:

Council website: EU response to migratory pressures

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