

Thursday 9 June 2011

Justice and Home Affairs Council - overview of the agenda (home affairs items)

Home affairs ministers will discuss outstanding issues to amend the rules on FRONTEX, the EU's external border management agency ([6898/10](#)) (<http://www.frontex.europa.eu/>). The goal of the Hungarian presidency is to reach agreement on the proposed regulation still in June, as required by the European Council in March 2011.

Concerning migration, ministers will discuss a number of recent Commission communications:

- on migration ([9731/11](#)),
- on migration and asylum in the EU in 2010, which includes the second annual report on the implementation of the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum ([13440/08](#)),
- on a dialogue for migration, mobility and security with the Southern Mediterranean.

The Council is expected to adopt conclusions on the latter, as well as on the proposed EU strategy on readmission. In addition, ministers will discuss the state of play regarding a proposal for a directive on a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the EU, as well as a common set of rights for third-country workers legally staying in a member state ([14491/07](#)).

On the legislative package that aims to establish a Common European Asylum System (CEAS) by 2012, the Council will take note of the two remaining proposals on procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection, as well as on reception conditions for asylum seekers. The Commission intends to table both proposals on 1 June 2011.

Concerning Schengen matters, the Council will adopt conclusions on the completion of the evaluation process concerning the preparedness of Bulgaria and Romania to implement all provisions of the Schengen acquis.

Other agenda items include the latest discussion paper by the EU Counter-terrorism coordinator on the implementation of the EU Counter-terrorism strategy, as well as conclusions on the EU's priorities for the fight against organised crime between 2011 and 2013. Finally, the Presidency and the Commission will inform ministers on the recent EU-US and EU-Russia ministerial meetings on justice and home affairs.

In the margins of the Council, the Mixed Committee (the EU plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) will examine the state of play regarding the development of the Visa Information System (VIS) and of the Schengen Information System II (SIS II). It will also discuss the proposal for a regulation on establishing an Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice and take note of a Commission presentation on the post visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism for the Western Balkans

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (home affairs items) - Conference Centre - FIL, 5, Luxembourg (10.00).

The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room on Wednesday 8 June at 09h15.

Press conferences will take place at lunch time (ca. 13.30) and at the end of proceedings.

For additional information concerning this meeting, please see:

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Justice and Home Affairs Council - overview of the agenda (justice items)

The Council is expected to adopt a general approach on a draft directive on **attacks against information systems**. Updating existing rules from 2005, the directive defines criminal offences in the area of attacks against information systems as well as minimum penalty levels for such offences. It also aims to introduce common provisions to prevent such attacks and improve European criminal justice cooperation in this field.

On another criminal justice file, a proposal for a **European investigation order on criminal matters**, ministers will discuss and try to reach a partial general agreement. The goal is to allow one EU member state to carry out investigative measures at the request of another EU member state on the basis of mutual recognition. The investigative measures would, for example, include interviewing witnesses, searches and seizures, and (with additional safeguards) interception of telecommunications, observation, infiltration and monitoring of bank accounts.

In the civil justice area, the Council is expected to give political guidance on a number of outstanding issues regarding EU wide rules on **succession** decisions including the recognition of a European certificate of succession. Once adopted, the new rules will make life easier for heirs, legatees and other interested parties since they would enable people to choose the law that will govern the transmission of their assets.

Justice ministers will also seek agreement on attributing legal value to the electronic edition of the Official Journal of the EU. They will take note of progress report on e-Justice and of the state of play of the EU accession on the European Convention of Human Rights. They will be briefed about:

- the guidelines on methodological steps to be taken to check fundamental rights compatibility at the Council's preparatory bodies,
- the EU-USA Justice and Home Affairs ministerial meeting and
- the EU-Russia JLS partnership Council.

The Council is also due to adopt conclusions on a resolution concerning a roadmap for strengthening the rights and protection of the victims, in particular in criminal proceedings, and on the ninth Eurojust annual report for 2010.

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