

Thursday 27 October 2011

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

On migration and asylum issues, ministers will discuss the state of play regarding the **Common European Asylum System**, in particular the progress made on the qualifications directive. In this context, they will also take note of progress made in the implementation of Greece's national action plan on asylum reform and migration management.

The presidency will provide information about a directive which is very close to agreement with the European Parliament. It concerns a single application procedure for a **single permit for third-country nationals** to reside and work in the EU and a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a member state. Ministers will also have a first exchange of views on a communication from the Commission about a European agenda for the integration of third-country nationals ([13290/11](#)).

The Council will discuss the state of play of negotiations on an **EU-US agreement on data protection**. It will hold policy debates on two further communications: one on available options concerning a **European terrorist finance tracking system** ([12957/11](#)), the other on cooperation in the area of Justice and Home Affairs within the **Eastern Partnership** ([14864/11](#)).

Regarding **drugs policy**, the Council will discuss a draft **European pact against synthetic drugs** as well as the annual report for 2011 on the state of the drug problems in Europe, which the European monitoring centre for drugs and drug addiction (EMCDDA) will present. The Commission will complement this with a presentation of its communication "Towards a stronger European response to drugs".

In the margins of the Council, the **Mixed Committee** (the EU plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) will discuss the recent launch of the Visa Information System (VIS) and look at the state of play of the Schengen Information System (SIS II). It will look at a proposal amending EU rules on local border traffic (LBT) which aims at facilitating border crossings in the Kaliningrad area, and take note of a Commission communication on smart borders.

Also in the margins of the Council on Thursday, a mobility partnership will be signed between the EU and Armenia.

Event

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The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room on Wednesday 26 October at 10.00. Press conferences will take place around 13.00 and at the end of the meeting.

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

In the justice part of the Council, ministers will take note of the Commission's recent proposal for a regulation on a **common sales law**.

In the area of **procedural rights**, the Council will discuss two current proposals: it will hold a policy debate on a proposed directive on the right of access to a lawyer and on the right to communicate upon arrest, and it will look at the state of play regarding a draft directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings.

The Council is also expected to have a policy debate on a proposed directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and **protection of victims of crime**. The presidency will then provide information about the state of play concerning a draft directive on the fight against sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.

Finally, ministers will take note of a Commission communication regarding **European judicial training** ([14196/11](#)).

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