

Thursday 22 September 2011

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

The Council is expected to adopt a decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and Australia on the processing and transfer of Passenger Name Record (PNR). PNR is a record of each passenger' travel requirements which contains all information necessary to enable reservations to be processed and controlled by air carriers ([9823/11](#)). In this context, ministers will also review the state of play on other agreements with third countries, namely the US and Canada.

Ministers will also revert to the question of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen as promised at the June Council. They will then discuss the state of play regarding the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). Taking into account the commitment to set up the CEAS by 2012, as confirmed in the European Council conclusions of June 2011, ministers are also expected to give guidance on further negotiations on this matter.

Furthermore, the Council will take note of three communications presented by the Commission:

- "A European terrorist finance tracking system: available options" ([12957/11](#)), followed by an orientation debate;
- "A European Agenda for Integration of Third Country Nationals" ([13290/11](#)), followed by a first exchange of views;
- "Cooperation in the JHA area within the Eastern Partnership".

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 Visa Information System (VIS) and the Schengen Information System (SIS II). It will also take note of a Commission communication on Schengen governance and of a proposal for an amendment to the regulation regarding the inclusion of the Kaliningrad area and certain Polish administrative districts in the eligible border area ([13344/11](#)).

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (home affairs items) - Justus Lipsius building, Brussels, Thursday at 10.00.

The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room on Tuesday 20 September at 10.00. Press conferences will take place at midday and at the end of the meeting.

For additional information concerning this meeting, see:

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

The Council is expected to adopt its position at the first reading on the directive on the European protection order ([13577/09](#)) in criminal matters which aims in particular to ensure the mutual recognition in the EU of protection measures taken in criminal matters. This file is to be seen in the context of the recently adopted roadmap for strengthening the rights and protection of victims ([11108/11](#)).

Ministers will also take note of two proposals presented by the Commission:

- a proposal for a directive on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings and on the right to communicate upon arrest ([11497/11](#)), which is part of a package of proposals that aim to set common minimum standards on the rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings throughout the European Union;
- a proposal for a regulation creating a European Account Preservation Order to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters ([13260/11](#)), allowing for the establishment of a new European procedure for the preservation of bank accounts which will enable a creditor to prevent the transfer or withdrawal of his debtor's assets in any bank account located in the European Union.

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