

Monday 7 October 2013

Justice and Home Affairs Council - justice issues

Justice ministers will discuss key issues concerning the regulation on the **protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data** and on the free movement of such data (general data protection regulation) ([5853/12](#)). The regulation updates and strengthens the 1995 Data Protection Directive in order to take into account technological developments and globalisation.

Furthermore, ministers will try to reach a general approach regarding the proposal for a directive on the **protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting** by criminal law ([6152/13](#)) which was presented by the Commission in February 2013 and will replace Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA. The directive aims at establishing minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in this area of counterfeiting of the euro and other currencies. It also introduces common provisions to strengthen the fight against those offences and to improve their investigation.

Also in the context of the protection of the Union's financial interests, ministers will have a policy debate on two proposals for regulations which will be presented by the Commission:

- on the establishment of the **European Public Prosecutor's Office** (EPPO) ([12554/13](#))
- on the reform of the **European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation** (Eurojust) ([12551/13](#))

In the margins of the Council, Monday afternoon, EU Justice ministers will meet with their **Eastern Partnership** counterparts (from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) to discuss cooperation and future prospects in this field.

Further information

- "Safeguarding Privacy in a Connected World – A European Data Protection Framework for the 21st Century" ([5852/12](#))
- European Central Bank (ECB) data on counterfeiting:
<http://www.ecb.int/press/key/date/2013/html/sp130110.en.html>
- <http://eurojust.europa.eu>

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council ([justice](#) items) - Kirchberg Conference Centre, Luxembourg (morning session only, starting [09.30](#)).

The presidency will hold a briefing in the Council press room in Brussels on [Friday 4 October at 11.00](#). A press conference will take place at the end of the meeting.

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Tuesday 8 October 2013

Justice and Home Affairs Council - home affairs issues

In this afternoon session, home affairs ministers are expected to reach a political agreement on the **temporary seat for CEPOL - European Police College** on the basis of applications made by member states.

Moreover, the Council should take note of the interim report from the Commission on the implementation of **free movement** rules, including guidance on fighting abuse of these rules.

As regards the **Syria** conflict and the **protection of refugees**, the Council will be informed about the latest developments, in particular about the situation of the Syrian refugees and the impact of the migratory pressures on neighbouring countries and on the European Union.

Finally, the Commission will inform ministers about the results of the first **annual relocation Forum** organised on 25 September 2013.

In the margins of the Council, Tuesday morning, ministers will meet with **Eastern Partnership** ministers for home affairs.

Event

Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (Home affairs items) - Conference centre Kirchberg, Luxembourg (15.00).

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