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Schengen Borders fit for the future

I. Getting the European Border Guard up and running

The way external borders are managed affects the entire Schengen area and events at the external borders impact the internal ones. The European Border and Coast Guard should allow the Schengen area to better address the challenges it faces. That includes the cooperation with neighbouring countries which remains essential to a successful border management. Ministers will discuss the implementation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation as well as interaction of the new Agency with neighbouring countries.

II. Completing the Smart Borders infrastructure: ETIAS

Advanced technology is essential to modern border management. We cannot run the risk of relying on outdated technology. The Presidency attaches great importance to the Smart Borders project and is committed to bringing it closer to reality. A proposal on the EU Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) is expected to complete the picture in a not too distant future. Ministers will discuss how the system should look like.

