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*Thursday 8 October 2015*

## Justice and Home Affairs Council

– Home Affairs

European Convention Centre, Luxembourg (9.30)

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The Council will have a discussion on the future **management of EU external borders** and of the **return policy**. On the latter the Council is expected to adopt conclusions.

Ministers will follow up on several measures proposed by the Commission on 9 September 2015 to respond to the current refugee crisis and to prepare for future challenges. They will be briefed on the latest developments regarding the **relocation** of 40 000 persons in need of international protection, following the decision adopted on 14 September.

Regarding **counterterrorism**, ministers are expected to adopt conclusions with a view to stepping up measures against **trafficking in firearms**. They will also be briefed about the implementation of measures regarding the fight against terrorism as a follow up to the statement of 12 February by the members of the European Council. The Presidency will also inform ministers on recent developments on **railway safety**.

Ministers will also take note of a progress report on a directive on the use of **passenger name record data (PNR)** for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime.

### ***Mixed committee***

Under the **visa policy**, ministers will hold a policy debate and will take stock of work regarding a regulation on the Union code on visas (recast) and a regulation establishing a touring visa.

As for the future of the return policy, they will discuss a Commission communication concerning an **EU action plan on return**, and a Commission recommendation establishing a common **'return handbook'** to be used by member states' competent authorities when carrying out return related tasks.

**Pre-Council briefing:** Monday 5 October at 08.45

### **Further information**

[Response to migratory pressures](#)

[EU fight against terrorism](#)

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*Friday 9 October 2015*

## Justice and Home Affairs Council

– Justice

**European Convention Centre, Luxembourg (10.00)**

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Justice ministers will try to reach a general approach on a directive on the **protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data** by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the **free movement of such data**. This issue will be discussed under the Mixed committee format.

They will also attempt to reach a partial general approach on a regulation establishing a **European Public Prosecutor's Office**.

The Council will take note of a progress report on the accession of the Union to the European **Convention for the protection of human rights** and fundamental freedoms.

It will hold a general debate on the migration crisis, focusing on aspects of **judicial cooperation and the fight against xenophobia**.

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### ***Mixed committee***

Ministers will take stock of progress on a directive on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the free movement of such data.

### **Further information**

- [Data protection reform](#)

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