



Press kit

**Informal Meeting of Justice and Home Affairs
Ministers (JHA)
Justice
26.01.2024, Egmont Palace , Brussels**



This press kit contains information on the agenda for the Informal Councils, press opportunities and background information on the European issues to be discussed.

The press kit also provides a series of royalty-free photos that can be used by the media.



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Agenda & press opportunities

The programme for the delegations is indicated in grey. Press opportunities are indicated in blue.

The Media Centre will open one hour prior to the commencement of the handshake/doorstep ceremony.

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Informal Meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers

7.30	Arrival of press representatives <i>Passage de Milan, 30 Boulevard de Waterloo, Brussels</i>
8.30 – 9.30	Arrival of Ministers to the Egmont Palace <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Handshake</u>• <u>Doorstep interviews</u>• <u>Tour de table</u>
9.30 – 12.00	Working Session I – Drug-related organised crime: an EU judicial response (not accessible to media)
12.00 – 12.30	<u>Family picture</u>
12.30 – 14.00	Working Lunch – Approach to sex work (not accessible to media)
14.00 – 16.00	Working Session II – Small Scale detention – Promoting reintegration and rehabilitation in detention (not accessible to media)
16.00 – 17.00	<u>Press conference</u> With the Belgian Minister of Justice and the European Commissioner for Justice

Press will be accompanied to the press conference room 15 minutes in advance.

The Media Centre will close two hours after the conclusion of the press conference.

Background information

Organised crime

The judicial elements in the EU Roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organized crime will serve as a basis for possible Council conclusions during our Presidency.

Proposed measures include establishing an EU network of specialized prosecutors and judges and strengthening judicial ties with safe haven states.

Decriminalisation of Sex Work

During the lunch debate of the informal JHA Ministerial in January, ministers will be invited to have an open discussion about the different approaches to policies and regulations for sex work. By sharing their thoughts and practices, the ministers can consider different takes on how to strengthen sex workers' rights and safety,

Detention Houses

We will organize a policy debate on detention models at the informal JHA Ministerial in January, with a view to adopting council conclusions at the Council in June. Belgium's detention houses offer an interesting example of how small scale detention is focused on rehabilitating and empowering detainees in order to facilitate their reinsertion into society and decrease the risk of reoffending.

Website and sources

Website	www.belgium24.eu
WhatsApp	Join us on https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaFqS8T4yltFsR0mvU2m
X	https://www.x.com/EU2024BE
Threads	https://www.threads.net/EU2024BE
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Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/EU2024BE
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/eu2024be/
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/@EU2024BE
Flickr	https://www.flickr.com/photos/EU2024BE/albums
Hashtag	#EU2024BE #EU2024BEJUST