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Police Officers expect results

Ahead of tomorrow's Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting in Luxembourg EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer calls for progress

There is a serious risk that the German EU Presidency will end its term without any substantial achievement in the area of Justice and Home Affairs," comments EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer ahead of the Meeting of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council in Luxembourg on Thursday and Friday.

On the agenda of the meeting are a number of important issues for police practitioners in EU Member States, among them an update on the latest developments with regards to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) and the creation of a new legal basis for Europol.

"Following the embarrassing delay in the enlargement of the Schengen area the future of the SIS is still very much unclear," says Mr Kiefer. "The same applies to the creation of a new legal basis for Europol. Ahead of the meeting there are no signs of progress."

"I hope that the Justice and Home Affairs Ministers will be able to agree some measures that effectively advance police cooperation in the EU. With the creation of the SIS II we were promised an efficient instrument for cross border cooperation in a European space for criminal searches. Up to now all we see is a castle in the air."

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