

PRESS INVITATION

INFORMAL MEETINGS OF JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS MINISTERS IN LILLE ON 3 AND 4 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESS PASSES BEFORE WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY

During the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, an informal meeting of justice and home affairs ministers of the EU Member States will be held in Lille, at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on 3 and 4 February 2022.

Eric Dupond-Moretti, Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, will welcome his European counterparts on Friday 4 February for an informal meeting of justice ministers. Traditionally organised by the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union, informal ministerial meetings serve to move forward the shared European work and considerations of the ministers invited. At the outset of the Presidency, the informal meeting of justice and home affairs ministers will provide the opportunity to address matters of common interest and to discuss the priorities of the Presidency.

Only press pass holders will be able to attend the press sessions for this event. Due to the public health situation, the number of places in the final press conference room on Friday, 4 February 2022, will be limited. The press conference will take place in a hybrid format, remotely or in person: it will be possible for press pass holders to participate either in Lille or via videoconference.

Provisional agenda for Friday, 4 February

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| 8 a.m. | Arrival of Eric Dupond-Moretti in the Hall d'Honneur of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Grand Lille
<i>Place du Théâtre, 59000 Lille</i>
Doorstep upon arrival in front of the press |
| 8:15 a.m. | Formal welcome of the justice ministers
Open to the press |
| 9 a.m. | Discussions between Member States on the fight against hate
Round table at the beginning of session – Host broadcaster and photo/video pool |
| 11 a.m. | Meeting with the digital companies Google, Meta and Twitter on the topic of online hate
Round table at the beginning of session – Host broadcaster and photo/video pool |

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- 12:15 p.m. **Press briefing with Eric Dupond-Moretti**
Open to the press
- 12:30 p.m. **Joint family photo of the justice ministers of the European Union**
Open to the press
- 1 p.m. **Working lunch focused on the tools to alert the public in cases of child abduction**
Closed to the press
- 2:45 p.m. **Afternoon of discussions on the recognition between Member States of parenthood established within the European Union**
Closed to the press
- 4:45 p.m. **Press conference with Eric Dupond-Moretti**
All accredited press can attend in-person at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Lille or remotely via videoconference

Accreditation

You are invited to create a press profile on the accreditation platform of the French Presidency's official website: <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/>, under the "Media" tab or by clicking this [link](#).

The press conferences will be remotely accessible through a videoconference link – please indicate whether you will attend in person or remotely when you request your press pass. Journalists holding a press pass will be added to a Signal chat and will receive a link to attend the press conference via Zoom.

Please note, for the Justice meetings of 4 February 2022 only, the deadline for requesting a press pass is **26 January 2022 at 5 p.m.**

Once your request for a press pass is confirmed, you will receive confirmation and practical information specifying the exact timetable, meeting points and procedures for the distribution of badges.

Journalists arriving from "orange", "red" or "scarlet" countries (in accordance with the classification shown on the [Government](#) website) will only receive a remote press pass.

Content and transmission

All content related to the Presidency will be available live on Twitter, with the official hashtags **#EU2022FR** in English and **#PFUE2022** in French.

Host Broadcaster: The audiovisual content will be transmitted by satellite and available on [Europe by Satellite](#) (EbS)

The content made available by the audiovisual host broadcaster for informal ministerial meetings and certain conferences will consist of:

- The arrivals and doorstep statements before and after meetings in the original language;
- The welcome from the host in the original language;
- The round table discussion (no audio);
- The press conference in French and English; and
- The family photo.

The usage rights for the work will be unlimited in terms of time and location for editorial use.

Badge collection

The procedure for the collection of badges will be specified in the practical information sent to you once your press pass has been confirmed.

Public health situation and protective measures

In line with the current legislation:

- Anyone wishing to access the site during the event must provide an EU digital COVID certificate (QR code) and a negative PCR or antigen test carried out within 24 hours prior for the first day and each subsequent day.
- Hand sanitiser will be available.
- Masks must be worn covering the mouth and nose at all times.
- The protective measures must be respected.