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STRATEGIC GUIDELINES IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

The Treaty of Lisbon stipulates that the European Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice. For this purpose, the European Council defines the strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice (Article 68 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union). The guidelines cover aspects such as border control, migration and asylum policy, and police and judicial cooperation. Given that the last strategic guidelines for the five-year period were adopted in 2014, it is necessary to define new strategic guidelines for the forthcoming period in line with the aforementioned legal framework.

CONTRIBUTION BY THE CROATIAN PRESIDENCY

The Croatian Presidency will begin by preparing the groundwork for the new strategic guidelines at the informal JHA Ministerial Meeting on 23-24 January 2020, under the topic of the possible ways forward in the area of freedom, security and justice. Croatian Presidency recognizes the importance of timely adoption of the strategic guidelines, ideally at the March European Council. The purpose of the new strategic guidelines is to define the course of development in the area of freedom, security and justice in the EU in the next five years.

PROTECTION OF EU CITIZENS IN THE WORLD OF CHALLENGES

In a world of challenges that are affecting the lives of EU citizens as well as businesses; migration, mastering artificial intelligence, maintaining security, protecting democratic values and fundamental rights, it is of utmost importance to act in a harmonious, coordinated way and strengthen mutual trust in order to ensure achieving common goals as a strong European Union.





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A COMMON VISION FOR THE SAFE AND JUST FUTURE

Adopting strategic guidelines in the area of freedom, security and justice will guide the work of the European Union in the justice and home affairs, to ensure today's challenges are adequately addressed. Defining the direction of action in areas that require attention and ensuring proactive cooperation is a step in the right direction to guarantee freedom, security and justice at the EU level.

[A new Strategic Agenda 2019. -2024.](#)

[Strategic guidelines for justice and home affairs](#) 2014.

[Mid-term review of the JHA strategic guidelines - Information from the Presidency](#) 2017.

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