



Annual Conference on EU Border Management 2024

Schengen governance, Cross-border law enforcement cooperation, Interoperability, EU databases, Frontex, Migrant smuggling, EU Pact on Asylum and Migration
Warsaw & Online, 27-28 June 2024

EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

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*invited

Key topics

- Latest news on legislative files and priorities to strengthen border management systems and their interoperability, as well on cross-border law enforcement cooperation and practical implementation, as well as on Schengen governance
- EU databases for border management and their evolution: EES, ETIAS, ECRIS-TCN, renewed SIS, VIS, EURODAC
- Frontex: latest migratory trends and routes, risk analysis and operational developments, fundamental rights
- Migrant smuggling

Language
English

Event number
324R17

Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)



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Thursday, 27 June 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants / connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Opening of the annual conference**
Ramin Farinpour

I. POLICY UPDATE

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:05 **Priorities, state of play of the legislative files in the field of border management and the road ahead: analysis from the Council of the European Union**

- Reform of the Schengen area, including governance, Schengen Council
- Large-scale IT systems and interoperability, legislative proposals on improving the use of Advanced Passenger Information (API)
- Efficient protection measures at the EU's external borders

Guy Stessens

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **The State of Schengen Report 2024 and an update on Schengen governance**

Marcel Gretzschel

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

II. EU DATABASES, IT SYSTEMS FOR BORDER MANAGEMENT AND THEIR INTEROPERABILITY

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

11:15 **Update on the IT systems being managed by and under future management of eu-LISA**

- Use and operation of the renewed SIS, VIS and EURODAC and their evolution
- State of preparations for EES, ETIAS; ECRIS-TCN, e-CODEX
- Interoperability
- Cooperation with other EU JHA agencies, Member States and the industry

Almudena Díez de los Ríos Flores

12:00 Discussion

12:15 Lunch

13:15 **Enhancing cross-border law enforcement cooperation in practice within the context of a well-functioning Schengen area and latest EU policy**

- Council Recommendation on operational police cooperation
- Directive on information exchange between law enforcement authorities of Member States
- Proposal for a Regulation on automated data exchange for police cooperation
- Interoperability

Dijana Sadaric

14:00 Discussion

14:15 Coffee break

III. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EU BORDER MANAGEMENT

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

14:45 **First evaluation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, including a review of the Standing Corps, and recommendations for adaptation**

Denise Kwantes

15:30 Discussion

15:45 **Update on risk analysis and integrated border management**

- Situational update of the EU's external borders
- Frontex Annual Risk Analysis 2023/2024
- Technical and Operational Strategy for European Integrated Border Management

Holger Fabian Sahl

Objective

This hybrid annual conference will debate the latest developments and challenges in the EU's internal and external border management.

It will analyse the latest proposals and reforms on the functioning and operation of EU border management systems, including Schengen, as well as Frontex's role and responsibilities. A particular focus will be given to the ongoing situation at the EU's eastern and southern borders, also within the context of migrant smuggling.

Who should attend?

Law enforcement officers, border guards and ministry officials, NGOs active in the field.

You will learn...

- about the latest developments on Schengen governance reform and developments regarding interoperability, the development of EU databases and large-scale IT systems, including the renewed SIS
- about the latest developments in EU external border management, including Frontex's actions
- what actions the EU is taking to counter migrant smuggling, including via the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

What participants said in previous years

"I appreciated presentations by specialists in the field"

"I have gained new knowledge of EU borders"

"Everything was up to my expectation"

"ERA courses provide high level professional insight to the specific topics"

Venue

Warsaw Bar Association
Aleje Ujazdowskie 49
Warsaw

Networking

Our legal training events offer a fantastic opportunity to connect with legal professionals and high-level speakers from different parts of Europe. Together, you will have the chance to network during our coffee breaks and enjoy the joint dinner after the first conference day.

Hybrid format

If you cannot attend the conference in Warsaw, you can still join online!

You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants.

- 16:30 Discussion
- 16:45 **Update on European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG) operations**
- Joint operations
 - Return operations
- Representative, Frontex*
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 End of first annual conference day
- 19:30 Joint dinner

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- 08:30 Connecting time for online participants
- 09:00 **The European Border and Coast Guard and fundamental rights**
- Frontex internal fundamental rights mechanisms
 - Processing of personal data
 - Eurosur, return monitoring
 - Frontex Fundamental Rights Monitors and national fundamental rights monitoring systems
- Aydan Iyiguengoer, Grigoris Tsioukas*
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 **Insights from a Member State on effective border management**
- Policy vs reality on the ground
 - Integrated border management
 - Dealing with the flow of arrivals from Ukraine and irregular migration at the EU's eastern border
- Krystian Chorbinski*
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break

IV. MIGRANT SMUGGLING

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

- 11:30 **Update on countering migrant smuggling within the wider context of the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum**
- Renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021-2025)
 - Responding to the instrumentalisation of irregular migration by state actors
 - Returns of irregular migrants ordered to leave
 - Proposal for a Regulation addressing situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum
 - Nexus of human trafficking, smuggling and migration
- Matthijs Korzilius*
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 **Law enforcement and border guard cooperation in dealing with migrant smuggling: latest insights**
- Situation at the EU's external borders and dealing with the increasing number of irregular arrivals
 - Nexus between smuggling and human trafficking
- Representative, Europol*
- 13:15 Discussion
- 13:30 End of annual conference and light lunch

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Discover Warsaw



Warsaw, the capital city of Poland, is a vibrant metropolis brimming with history, culture, and resilience. Known for its captivating blend of old and new, Warsaw boasts meticulously reconstructed Old Town squares juxtaposed with modern skyscrapers. Visitors can explore landmarks such as the iconic Palace of Culture and Science, delve into the city's tumultuous past at the Warsaw Uprising Museum, or simply wander through picturesque parks, such as Łazienki Park.

CPD

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Save the date

Summer Course on European Criminal Justice
 Online, 17-21 June 2024

Data Protection and the Law Enforcement Directive
 Online, 24-25 June 2024



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 (Central European Summer Time)