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20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAMPERE PROGRAMME

*Progress and Future Priorities of the
EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*

4 October 2019

CEPS, Place du Congrès 1, 1000, Brussels

BACKGROUND

The second half of 2019 corresponds with the 20 year anniversary of the adoption of the Tampere Programme at the European Council Conclusions of October 1999 under the auspices of the Finnish Presidency of the EU. After the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty, the Tampere Programme laid down for the first time the multi-annual policy priorities to guide the development of EU Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) policies, including those under Schengen, and in the fields of criminal justice and police cooperation.

The end of 2019 also coincides with the 10 year anniversary of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, which constituted a major milestone in European integration. The Treaty of Lisbon re-baptised the EU JHA policies as the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ), and brought them under democratic scrutiny of the European Parliament, and judicial oversight of the Luxembourg Court.

Of particular importance for the AFSJ was the incorporation of the Charter of the Fundamental Rights into EU primary law, on an equal footing with the EU Treaties. AFSJ cooperation is now established and functions on the premise of 'mutual trust', which is rooted on and dependent upon the full respect of EU's core values and legal principles of the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights.

The Lisbonisation of the AFSJ also meant ensuring inter-institutional balance and liberalising the ownership on the multi-annual policy programming and agenda-setting on AFSJ policies. Decision-making in the AFSJ no longer constitutes an exclusive prerogative of the JHA Council and the European Council, but entails the involvement of the European Commission and the European Parliament. The European Council was also transformed into an EU institution, and subject as such to the EU constitutional framework.

The second half of 2019 will witness a phase of major EU institutional renewal, with the formation of a new European Parliament and the establishment of a new European Commission. It will also see the adoption of a new Strategic Agenda by the European Council.

Finland is responsible for the EU Council Presidency during this delicate transition process. It is therefore a timely opportunity to reflect on and take stock of the main policy and legislative achievements and progress made during the last 20 years on AFSJ policy areas.

The Lunchtime Meeting is an official event and constitutes part of Finland's Presidency calendar. It is co-organised by CEPS, the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) and the Law Department of the European University Institute (EUI), in cooperation with the Finnish Permanent Representation to the EU. The Conference will bring together leading academics and policy experts, EU member state representatives, as well as EU policy makers who played a key role in the building and development of AFSJ cooperation.

LUNCHTIME MEETING

(Open to the Public)

12:00
13:00

Buffet Lunch &
Registration

Tampere 20 Year Anniversary Achievements and Future Priorities for EU AFSJ Agenda

13:00
15:00

- Opening [Karel Lannoo](#) (CEPS) and [Andrew Geddes](#) (EUI)
- Keynote [Malin Brännkär](#) (State Secretary Of the Ministry of Justice)
- EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Common Values as a Gateway of the Future Development***
- Speakers
- [Christine Roger](#) (Council General Secretariat)
 - [Alexandra Jour-Schröder](#) (European Commission)
 - Representative of upcoming Croatian Presidency
 - [Katharina Erdmenger](#) (German Permanent Representation)
 - [Sergio Carrera](#) (CEPS)