







Basic information	
<p><b>2023/0438(COD)</b></p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p>	Awaiting committee decision
<p>Enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings; enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes</p> <p>Amending Regulation 2016/794 2013/0091(COD)</p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.05.01 Europol, CEPOL 7.30.30.02 Action to combat violence, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	LENAERS Jeroen (EPP)	30/09/2024
		<p>Shadow rapporteur</p> <p>REUTEN Thijs (S&amp;D)</p> <p>VALET Matthieu (Pfe)</p> <p>TEODORESCU Georgiana (ECR)</p> <p>MINCHEV Nikola (Renew)</p> <p>BRICMONT Saskia (Greens /EFA)</p> <p>SALIS Ilaria (The Left)</p>	
	<b>Former committee responsible</b>	<b>Former rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	LENAERS Jeroen (EPP)	22/01/2024
	<b>Former committee for opinion</b>	<b>Former rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	 Budgets	VAN OVERTVELDT Johan (ECR)	12/12/2023
	<b>Committee for budgetary assessment</b>	<b>Rapporteur for budgetary assessment</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	 Budgets	SOUSA SILVA Hélder (EPP)	28/11/2024

Council of the European Union		
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/11/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0754 	Summary
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Technical information	
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<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
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<b>Committee dossier</b>	LIBE/10/00283

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Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE768.042</a>	13/02/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE770.286</a>	18/03/2025	
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">BUDG</span>	<a href="#">PE769.973</a>	24/04/2025	
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## National parliaments

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Reasoned opinion	SE_PARLIAMENT	PE759.912	21/03/2024	
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## Other institutions and bodies

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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0141/2024	10/07/2024	

## Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

### Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
REUTEN Thijs	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	26/03/2025	EUROJUST
REUTEN Thijs	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	11/03/2025	ProtectnotSurveil
REUTEN Thijs	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	06/03/2025	Italian Consortium of Solidarity
REUTEN Thijs	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	04/03/2025	Europol
SOUSA SILVA Hélder	Rapporteur for opinion	BUDG	11/02/2025	EUROPOL
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	05/12/2024	European Digital Rights
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	26/09/2024	Europol
LENAERS Jeroen	Rapporteur	LIBE	10/09/2024	DG HOME
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur	LIBE	20/02/2024	Eurojust

### Other Members

Name	Date	Interest representatives
STRADA Cecilia	03/03/2025	Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration

**Enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings; enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes**

**PURPOSE:** to reinforce Europol's role and inter-agency cooperation in the fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** migrant smuggling to and within the EU is reaching new heights, fuelled by increasing demand due to emerging and deepening crises, most notably economic recessions, environmental emergencies caused by climate change, as well as conflicts and demographic pressure in many third countries. It is estimated that more than 90% of the irregular migrants who reach the EU make use of the services of smugglers, mostly organised in criminal groups.

Fighting and preventing migrant smuggling is one of the priorities of the European Union and crucial to addressing irregular migration in a comprehensive way. Criminal networks take advantage of people's despair and use land, sea, and air routes to facilitate irregular migration, putting people's lives at risk and seeking in every way to maximise their profits.

In addition, the Commission is proposing a [Directive](#) to upgrade its legislative framework, by laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and stay in the EU

**CONTENT:** this proposed Regulation lays down rules to enhance police cooperation and the support of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) in preventing and combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, by:

- **Strengthening the coordination at EU level:** the proposal establishes the European Centre Against Migrant Smuggling as a Union centre of specialised expertise for combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings. The Centre will be supported by Member States, Eurojust, Frontex and the Commission. The Centre will monitor trends in migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, produce annual reports, strategic analyses, threat assessments and situational updates, as well as investigative and operational actions.

- **Inter-agency cooperation:** the Centre will be supported by Member States' liaison officers, as well as Eurojust and the Frontex and Eurojust liaison officers, who should be posted to Europol.

- **Improving information sharing:** Member States' obligations to share information with Europol on migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings will be reinforced. Europol deployment can already take place in third countries. The new Centre will identify cases of migrant smuggling that may require cooperation with non-EU countries, including by exchanging personal data in a case-by-case basis.

- **Reinforcing resources:** Member States will need to designate specialised services to counter migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, connect these services to secure information exchange network application (SIENA).

- **Stronger Europol support through staff deployments:** the proposal updates the current legislation with concepts of task forces and Europol deployments for operational support. These are advanced tools for coordination and analytical, operational, technical, and forensic support to Member States, which have already successfully been carried out by Europol. In addition, a reserve pool of national experts will be set up, that can be placed at the immediate disposal of Europol for deployments in Member States.

- **Enhancing cooperation between Europol and third countries:** the legislative initiative sets out rules to better involve Member States' migration liaison officers deployed in third countries in enhancing the sharing of information by third countries to counter migrant smuggling and supply this information to Europol, directly or through the Europol national unit, using SIENA.