



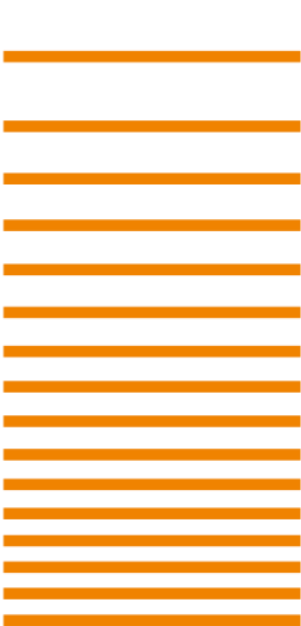
## **Follow-up to the Justice and Home Affairs Council** Brussels, 25 February 2015



The Council reached agreement on a General Approach on a proposed **regulation to reinforce checks against relevant databases at external borders**. The Presidency will on this basis take contact with the European Parliament to start negotiations on the proposal as soon as possible and report back to the Council.



The Council took note of the progress made in the discussions on the proposal for a **European Border and Coast Guard**. Against the background of the conclusions of the European Council of 18/19 February the Presidency intends to reach a political agreement before the end of its term and will return to the state of play during the March Council.



The Council discussed the current **migratory situation**, including the monitoring of the implementation of the measures already agreed at recent meetings of the European Council. The Presidency reported to the Council on the discussions during a working breakfast which took place in the margins of the Council with the Member States most concerned on the Western Balkan route and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia. The Council examined measures to prepare for the possible humanitarian consequences of the unilateral adoption of border measures.

Over lunch, ministers discussed cooperation with **Turkey** in the presence of the Turkish Deputy Minister of Interior and the UNHCR.