

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE HEADS OF JHA AGENCIES ON THE EU GREEN DEAL

Recognising the complexity of the environmental challenges we face and the effects that environmental deterioration has, and will continue to have, both on our work and on all of us as individuals;

Acknowledging that the transition to a green, sustainable, climate-neutral and inclusive European Union is the key priority for the years to come;

Fully aware of the increasing presence and undeniable importance of environmental issues in the area of justice and home affairs, and the challenges that climate change poses for the security of the EU;

Recalling the growing focus on sustainable, green approach in research and innovation;

The Justice and Home Affairs Agencies, within their respective mandates, are committed to continue their efforts to:

1. contribute to the implementation of the European Green Deal and future Green Priorities in close cooperation with EU Institutions;
2. pay particular attention, in cooperation with academia, expert organisations in the field and relevant agencies' stakeholders, including civil society, to challenges posed to EU policies in Justice and Home Affairs by climate change;
3. continue fighting environmental crimes (which includes marine pollution, illicit waste trafficking and wildlife trafficking amongst others) and crimes that negatively affect the environment, such as drug production, in particular within the framework of EMPACT;
4. identify and implement, where possible, green procedures and solutions aiming at reducing the Agencies' negative impact on the environment;
5. promote and raise awareness of available environmentally-friendly approaches and practices, as well as support green grassroot initiatives among the staff of the Agencies.

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