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Justice and Home Affairs Council (JHA): extracts from the press conference by Loucas LOUCA, Cypriot Minister of Justice and Public Order, and Viviane REDING, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

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Justice ministers agreed a general approach on three legislative proposals: - a directive establishing minimum rules for criminal sanctions for the most serious market abuse offences, namely insider dealing and market manipulation ("market abuse directive"); - a directive on the freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the EU. The proposal aims to make it easier for national authorities to confiscate and recover the profits that criminals make from cross-border and organised crime; - a regulation on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters upon request of the person at risk, aimed at strengthening the rights of victims. Furthermore, the Council will discuss two proposed regulations on the jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions as regards matrimonial property regimes, on the one hand and the property consequences of registered partnerships, on the other. The aim is to agree political guidelines on certain issues relating to those proposals.



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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	General view of the speakers	00:00:04
00:00:09	General view of the audience	00:00:06
00:00:15	SOUNDBITE (in Greek) by Loucas Louca, Cypriot Minister of Justice and Public Order: First of all we have adopted a proposal for a directive of the European parliament and the Council on the Freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the European Union. In today's difficult financial circumstances it is very important to ensure that money remains within the context of the legal economy. This decision can contribute decisively to doing a way with financial incentives for criminals. Trough other negotiations that took place at the political and technical level it did become possible for the Presidency to prepare a compromise text on the basis of which negotiations with the European Parliament will begin.	00:00:46
00:01:01	Cutaway of journalists	00:00:07

00:01:08	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Viviane Reding, Vice President in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship: Lucas, as president of the Council has already given you details about the numerous elements which could become law during the Cyprus presidency. And this, concerning the right of the citizens and this very important chapter of justice for growth. So my satisfaction, Europe has well advanced in the interest of its citizens and in the interests of its business.	00:00:36
00:01:44	Cutaway of a journalist	00:00:06
00:01:50	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Viviane Reding: And let me express my satisfaction for this morning's debate on data protection. As you know we have on the table a regulation for the public and the private sector and directives for security issues those together forms a package and I can tell you that an overwhelming majority of the delegations support the project of the Commission and appreciate the efforts that the presidency has made in order to perfect the original text.	00:00:41
00:02:31	General view of the audience	00:00:05
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