

Council Conclusions on Widening Scope of PNR Collection



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The justice and home affairs ministers of the Member States adopted [conclusions on widening the scope of PNR data](#) at the JHA Council meeting on 2 December 2019. As reported in *euclid* 2/2019, p. 105, the Finnish Presidency took the initiative of launching the debate on extending the scope of the EU's current PNR scheme to forms of transport other than air traffic, such as maritime or railway traffic. The conclusions point out that, even though some Member States welcomed the initiative, other delegations voiced concern about the timing and potential legal, technical, and financial challenges. Therefore, the ministers are asking the European Commission to carry out a thorough impact assessment on widening the scope of the PNR concept. The aim of the impact assessment is to explore the necessity and feasibility of the collection, storage, and processing of PNR data from other cross-border travelling forms. The conclusions list several aspects in relation to legal, operational, and technical issues that the study must include.

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