EU/Switzerland agreement: cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime; forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Roberta METSOLA (EPP, MT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the application of certain provisions of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, and the Annex thereto, and of Council Framework Decision 2009/905/JHA on accreditation of forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

This international agreement between the EU and Switzerland aims to improve and simplify the automated exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States and the associated countries, in order to stimulate international police cooperation. It lists the provisions of the Prüm Decision, the Prüm Implementing Decision and the Forensic Decision that shall become applicable to Switzerland after entry into force of the agreement.