

Media information

20. Anniversary of the Schengen Agreement

On 2 June 2005, a commemoration will take place in Schengen (Luxembourg) to celebrate the 20. Anniversary of the Signing of the Schengen Agreement. The Agreement was signed in 1985 in the small Luxembourg border village next to the Moselle. It marks the beginning of the construction of the common travel area without internal borders.

The commemoration will be held in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess. Under the Presidency of the Luxembourg Minister for Justice, Luc Frieden, and the Luxembourg Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Nicolas Schmit, the members of the Justice and Home Affairs Council, the Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Justice, Freedom and Security, Franco Frattini and the President of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, Jean-Marie Cavada, will also attend the commemoration.

The media representatives are invited to take part in the event which will be held after the Justice and Home Affairs Council (Kiem Conference Centre) of 2 June 2005.

Media programme

- 4.30 p.m. Kiem Conference Centre (CCKiem) – Luxembourg / Kirchberg
Handing out of the badges to the accredited media representatives
- 5.20 p.m. Kiem Conference Centre
Meeting of the accredited media representatives at the “media” entrance
- 5.30 p.m. Kiem Conference Centre
Transfer of the accredited media representatives to Schengen by the official bus
- 7.10 p.m. Schengen
Arrival of Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess
Welcome by Mr. Luc Frieden, Mr. Nicolas Schmit and Mr. Roger Weber
“Wilhelmus”

[In the presence of the accredited visual media](#)

- 7.15 p.m. Schengen
Speeches
Musical introduction: “Souvenirs du pays” (A. Rampini)
- Mr. Luc Frieden, the current President of the Justice and Home Affairs Council
Musical interlude “Carmen” (G. Bizet)
- Mr. Franco Frattini, the Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Justice, Freedom and Security
Musical interlude “Soirées musicales” (G. Rossini / B. Britten)
- Mr. Jean-Marie Cavada, President of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament
Musical interlude “Marche Accords de Schengen” (P. Dahm)
- Mr. Roger Weber, mayor of Remerschen
European Anthem
- The musical interludes are performed by the Luxembourg Military Music*
[In the presence of all the accredited media representatives](#)
- 8.30 p.m. Transfer of the media representatives by the official bus from Schengen to the Kiem Conference Centre

Practical Information

1) Accreditation procedure

The media representatives who wish to attend the commemoration are kindly asked to register by sending an e-mail to the address accreditation@eu2005.lu **before 30 May 2005**. The e-mail has to contain the following information:

- First name and last name
- Birth date
- Name of the media organization
- Press card number and institution from which it has been issued (a scanned letter from the editor-in-chief for those who do not possess a presscard)
- Function (journalist, cameraman, photographer,...)

2) Handing out of the badges

The badges which will give access to the commemoration of the Schengen Agreement will be handed out at the “**info-média**” desk in the **Kiem Conference Centre** on 2 June 2005 from **4.30 p.m.**, on presentation of the press card and an ID card. You will find the “info-média” desk in the big working room of the CCKiem.

Only the media representatives who have registered before 30 May 2005 will get a badge and will have access to the ceremony!

Media representatives will have access to the Kiem Conference Centre according to the same rules than those in application for the access to the Justus Lipsius Building of the Council in Brussels:

-Journalists and technicians already accredited at the European Institutions:

Presscard of the Commission (yellow card with the letter « P » for the journalists, pink card mentioning « Press technique » for technicians).

Otherwise an identity document is required.

-Journalists and technicians who are not accredited at the European Institutions:

- a valid national identity document or a passport, for nationals from EU member states
- a passport for nationals from other states
- a valid presscard or an original letter from the newspaper's editorial office signed by the editor-in-chief, stating the professional status of the media representative

The letter from the editor-in-chief mustn't be older than a week and has to contain the following information:

Date, name, address and phone number of the media organization, name, address and phone number of the editor-in-chief, name of the concerned media representative and a reference to the identity document (passport or identity card) which will be shown at the accreditation desk.

The media representatives who do not possess a press card of the European institutions will get their badge which gives them access to the CCKiem at the accreditation desk of the CCKiem (media entrance).

3) Official transport

The Luxembourg Presidency organizes an official transport to Schengen. The official bus will leave at **5.30 p.m.** at the Kiem Conference Centre. The meeting point for the accredited media is at the media entrance of the CCKiem at **5.20 p.m.**

After the commemoration, the bus will leave Schengen for the CCKiem at 8.30 p.m.

Please note that the media representatives have only access to Schengen if they travel on the official bus organized by the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

4) Media pools

Considering the number of applications for coverage by the media, pool systems might be operating. Photographers and cameramen wishing to participate in the different pools have to apply at the « info-média » desk in the press centre.

5) Photo service

The Presidency provides photo coverage. Photos can be downloaded from <http://www.eu2005.lu/en/actualites/photos/index.html>

6) The press centre

The big working room of the Kiem Conference Centre will be available. It offers 400 working spaces with free Internet access, PCs, printers, telephones (with connection to analogical and digital modem) and photocopiers. Wireless lan is another service provided by the Luxembourg Presidency.

Refreshments are served continuously in the media bar of the press centre.

The press centre will be open until 10 p.m.

7) Parking

The media representatives are asked to use the car park under the shopping centre (Auchan), situated very close to the Kiem Conference Centre. Parking spaces for the press are reserved at level -3. The car park is accessible via the Avenue J.F. Kennedy. When you enter the parking, please take an entrance ticket at the barrier and keep it. It can be exchanged for a validated ticket at the « info-média » desk of the CCKiem, so that parking will be free of charge for the media.

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