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# Schengen/Dublin

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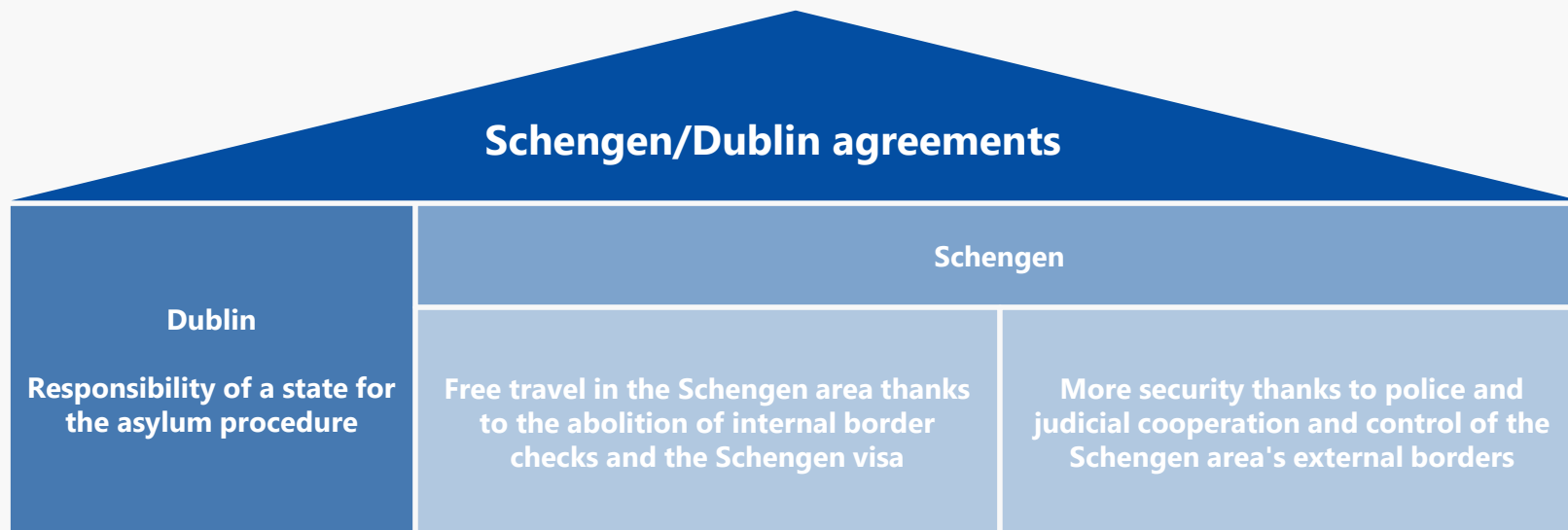


# Timeline and important votes






# Schengen/Dublin scope of application






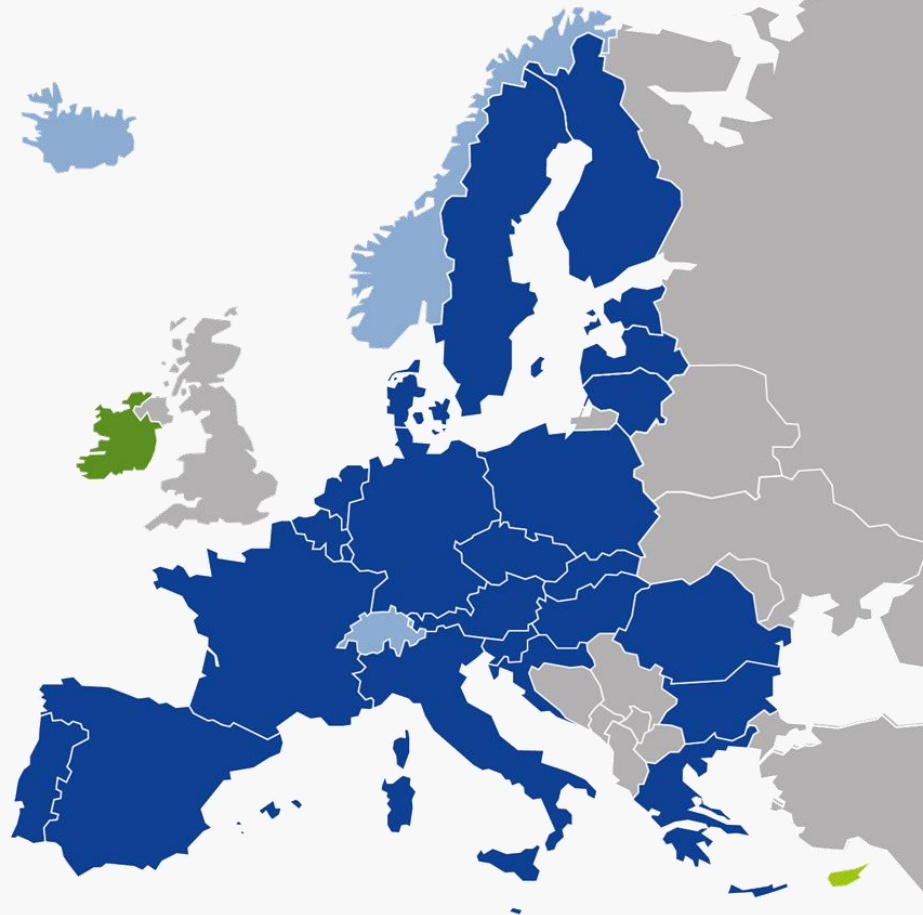
# Schengen

Schengen member states  
(Denmark with special status) 

Schengen Associated states 

Schengen candidate countries 

Non-Schengen member states  
with special status 






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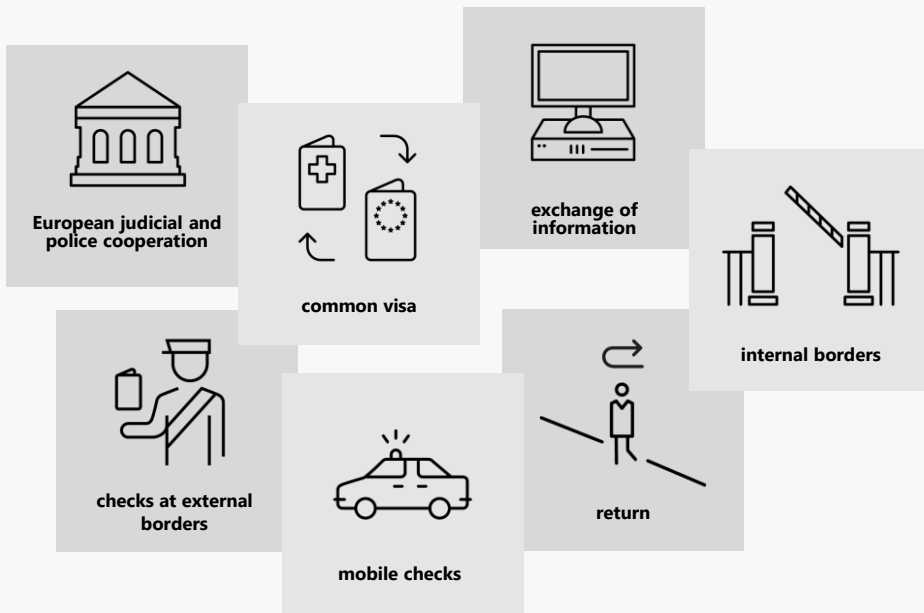
Dublin member states 

Associated states 





# Schengen



## Principle

Free movement in the Schengen area thanks to the abolition of border checks

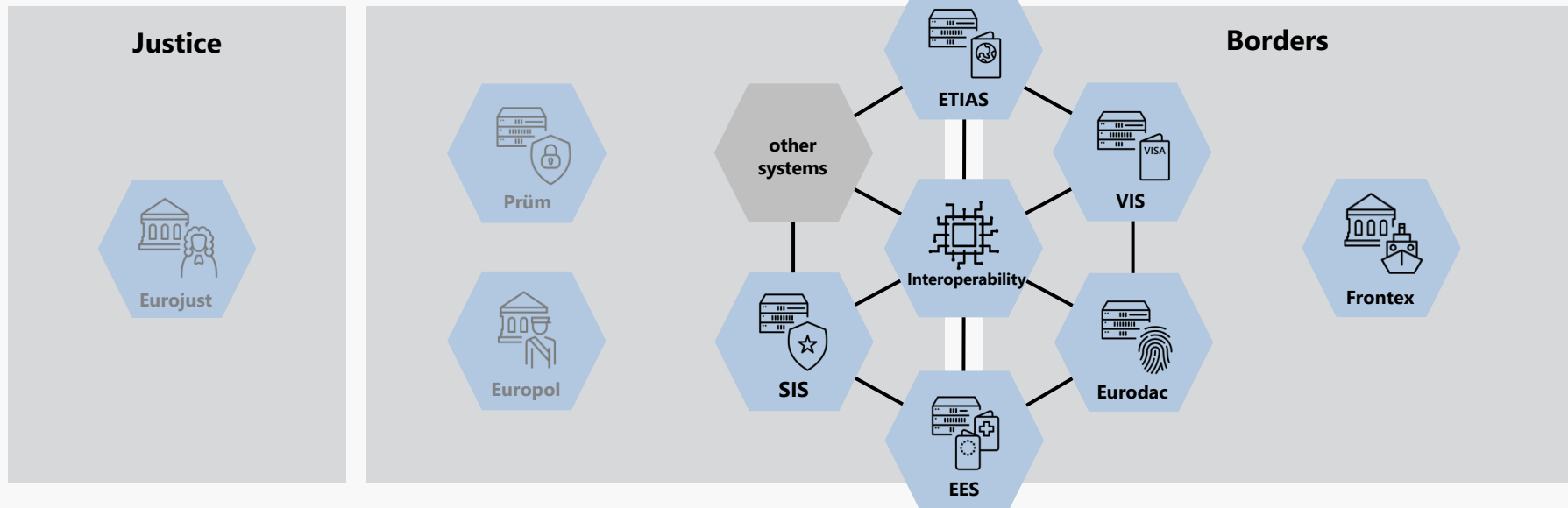
Cooperation for internal security and controls at the Schengen area's external border

Common visa policy for short stays of max. 3 months

**Creation of a common area of freedom, security and justice**



# Instruments





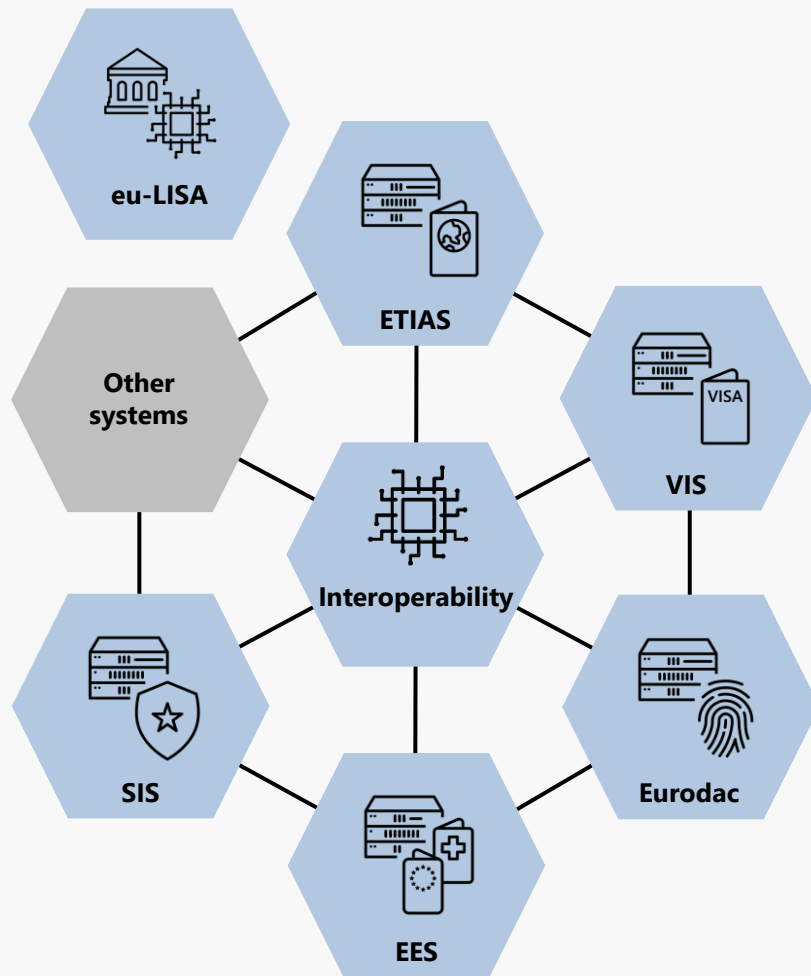
# Digital interoperability

## Complex threats call for interoperable IT systems and databases

Facilitates exchange of information and access to various databases, e.g. thanks to a 'European' central search portal

Enables targeted use of available information

Automated queries







# Dublin



## Principle

Clarifies which state is responsible for the examination of asylum applications

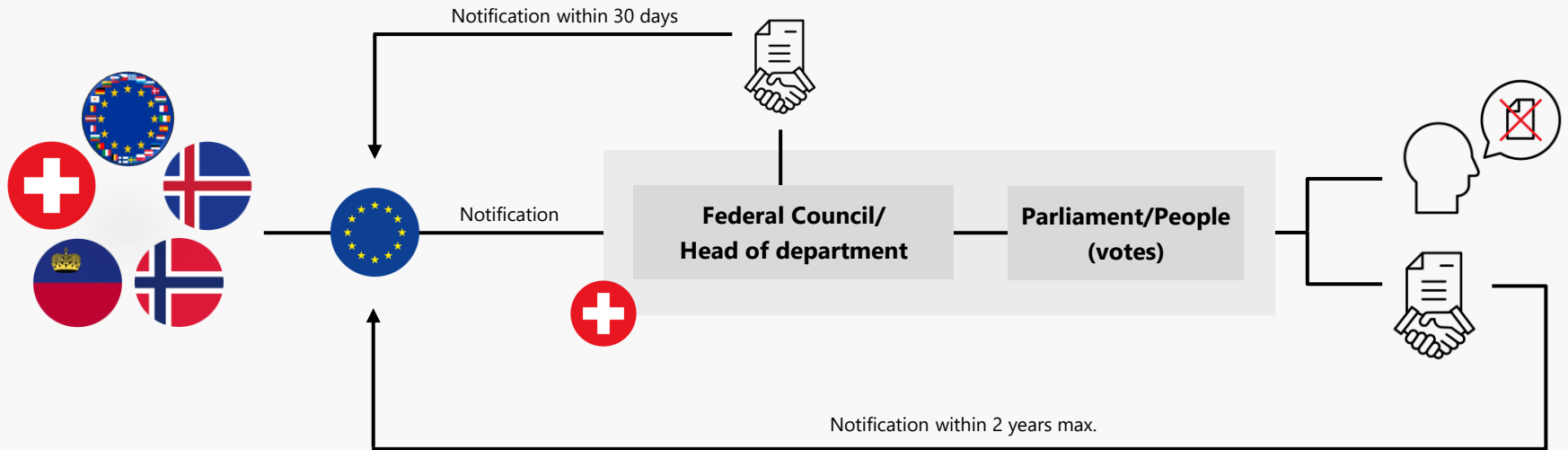
Avoids multiple asylum applications

Ensures all applications processed

**Coordinated asylum policy**



# Procedure for the adoption of developments





# Decision-shaping right

## Schengen

On principle, obligation to adopt and implement the relevant legal provisions and

**decision-shaping right** as an institutional counterweight (**no codecision right**)

Switzerland entitled to shape decisions at all levels up to Justice and Home Affairs Council

## Dublin

Associated states consulted and informed **in Joint Committee**



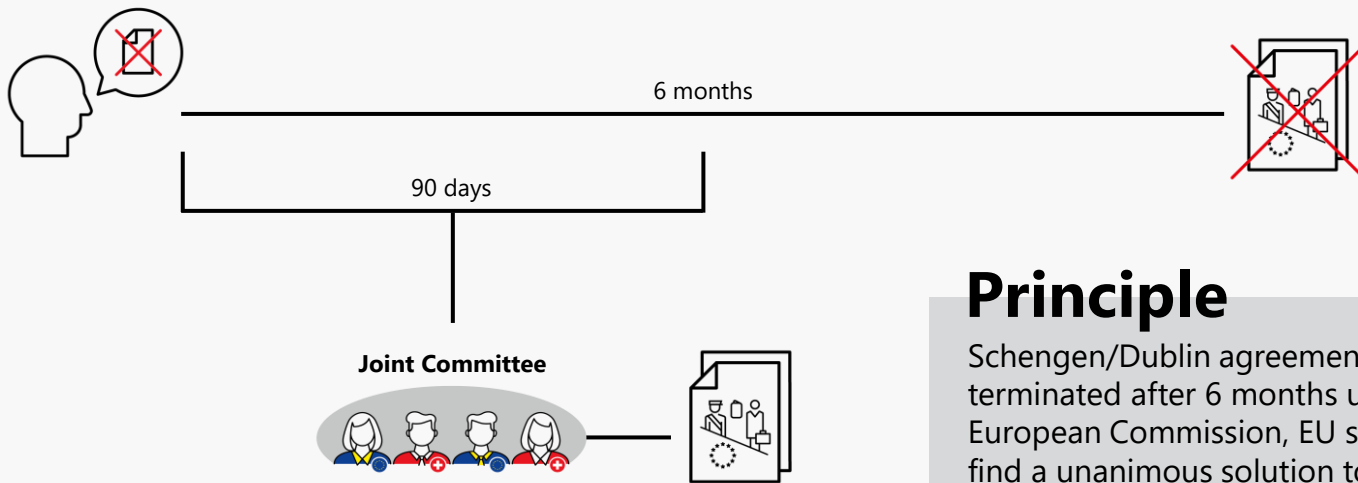
# Switzerland's participation in expanding Frontex

- Adoption of the revised EU Regulation on the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), in which Switzerland has been participating since 2011.
- The expansion of Frontex means that member states receive better support in controlling external borders and security in the Schengen area is increased. The protection of fundamental rights is also improved.
- On 15 May 2022, the Swiss electorate voted with 71.5% in favour of Switzerland's participation in expanding Frontex.





# Termination procedure



## Principle

Schengen/Dublin agreement automatically terminated after 6 months unless within 90 days the European Commission, EU states and Switzerland find a unanimous solution to extend their cooperation (with unknown conditions)



# Importance for Switzerland

## Security

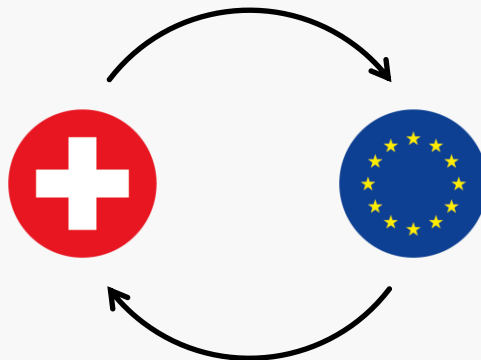
Supports efforts to fight international crime

Approx. 300,000 SIS searches per day, 19,000 'hits' on SIS per year

## Fluid border traffic

Easier travel, less congestion thanks to the elimination of systematic border checks

Approx. 2.1 million people cross the Schengen border every day



## Tourism and business

Schengen visa benefits tourism

Switzerland issues approx. 520,000 Schengen visas annually

## Asylum

Eases pressure on Switzerland (not a typical first country of asylum)

Switzerland receives approx. 2.5% of all Dublin asylum applications



# Importance for Switzerland

## Impact of no Schengen/Dublin association:

- GDP falls between 1.6% and 3.7% by 2030
- Weakened internal security, e.g. because no more access to SIS
- More time and money spent on border crossings (up to CHF 3.2 billion per year)
- Additional asylum costs (up to CHF 1.3 billion per year)
- Less appeal as a destination for tourism, business and scientific research (a decline in tourism could cost up to CHF 500 million per year)



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A close-up, slightly blurred background image of a Schengen visa. The text 'SCHENGENER STAAT' and '1-15' is visible on a purple strip, along with a circular emblem containing the letters 'S' and 'U'.

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