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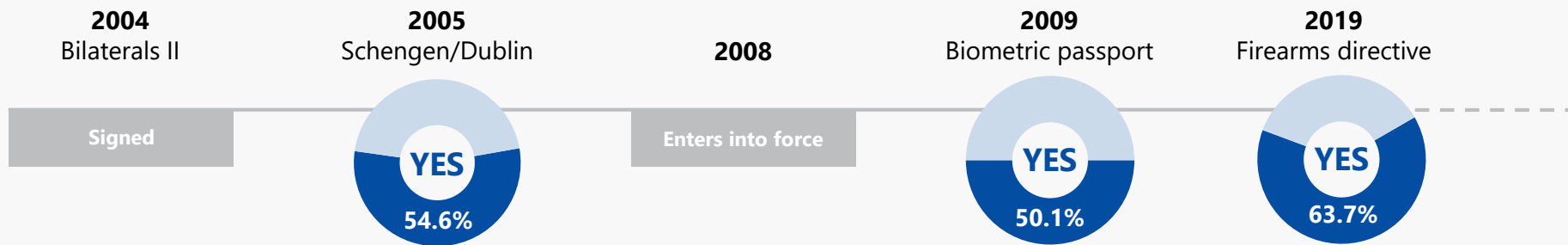
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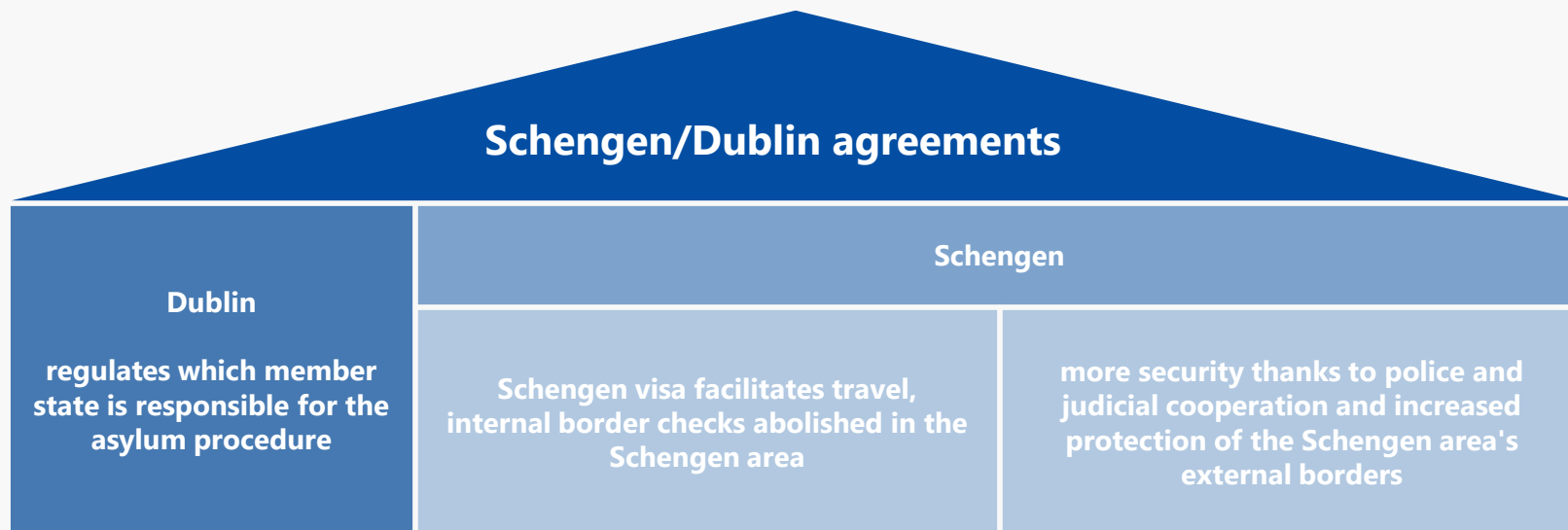


Timeline and important votes



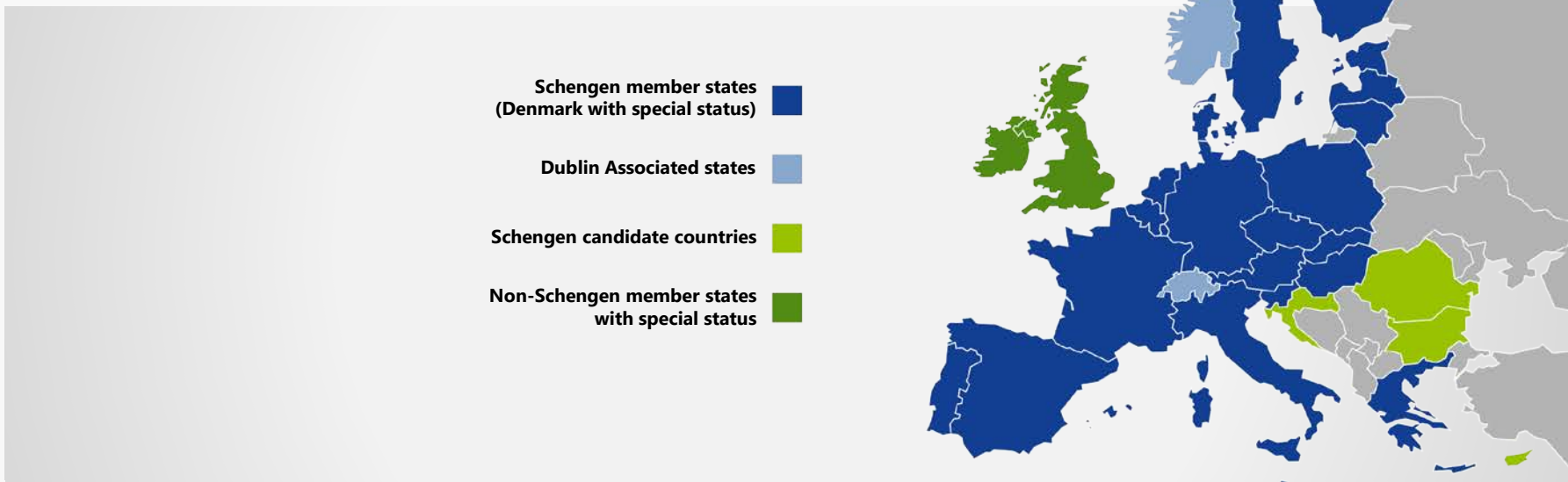


Schengen/Dublin scope of application



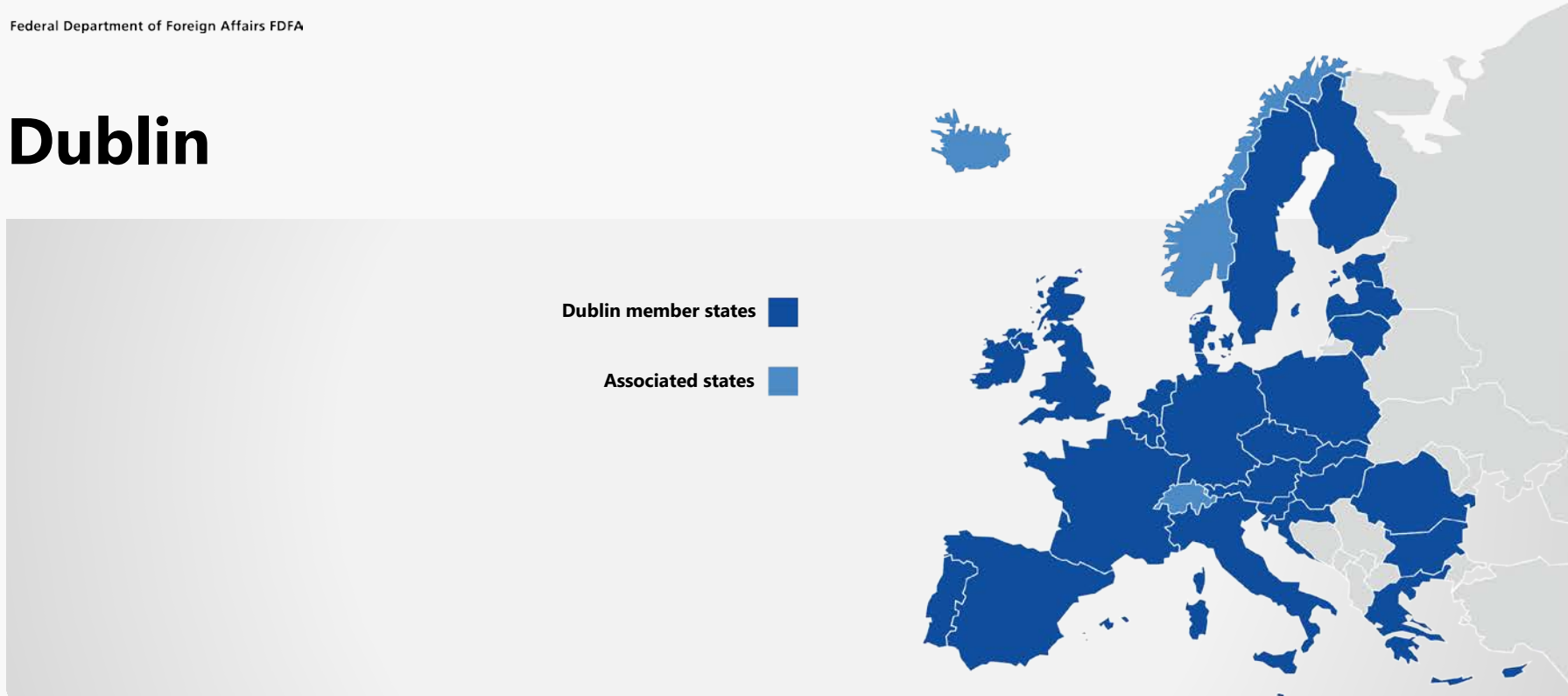


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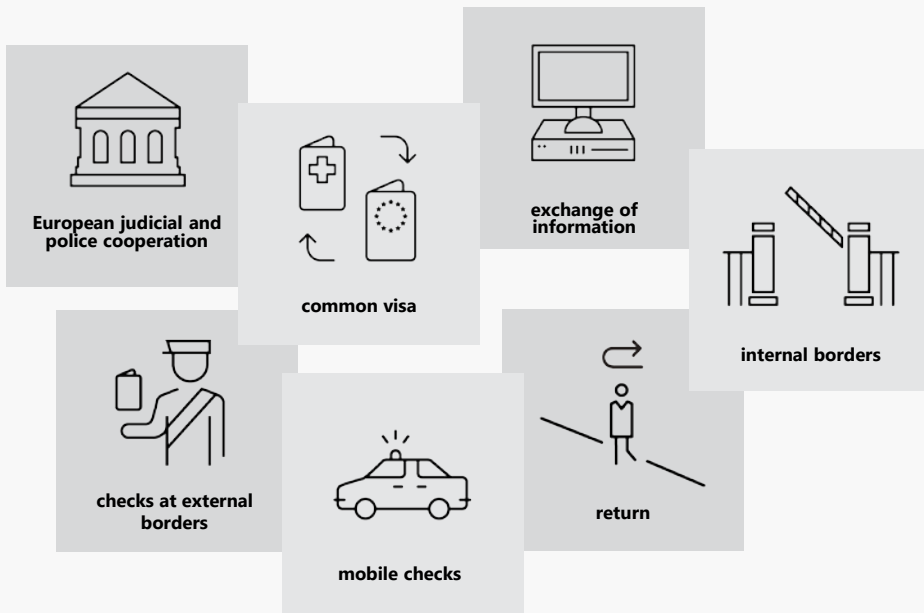


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Schengen



Principle

Border checks abolished, free movement in the Schengen area

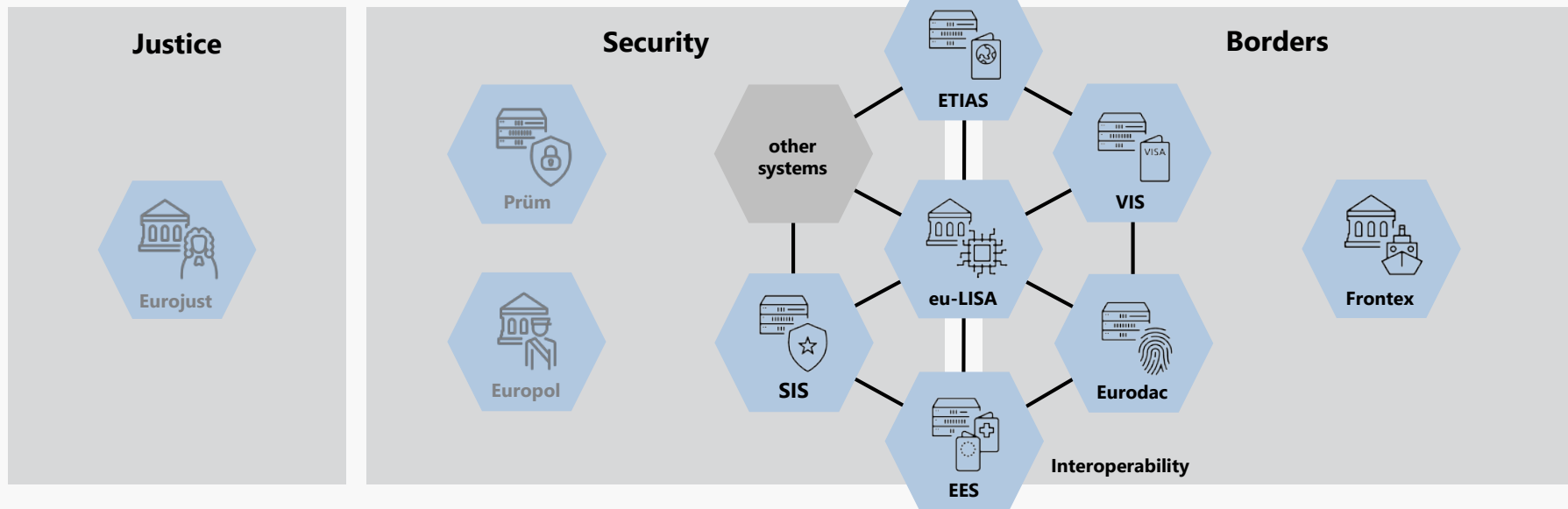
More security and controls at Schengen area's external borders

Common visa policy for short stays of max. 3 months

Creation of a common area of freedom, security and justice



Instruments





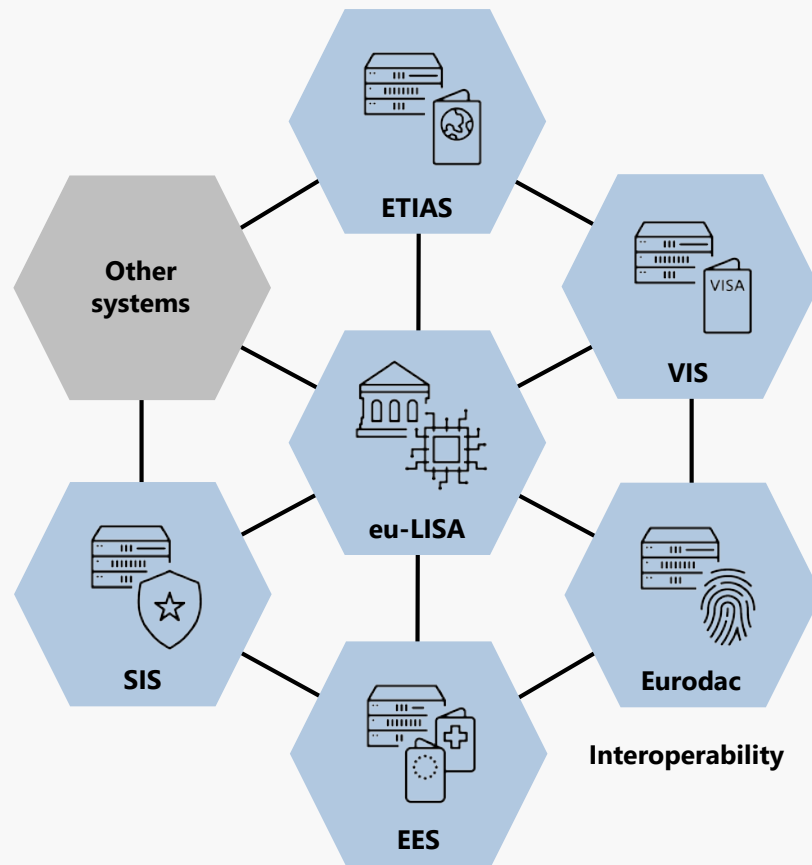
Digital interoperability

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





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Principle

Clarifies which state is responsible for the examination of asylum applications

Avoids multiple asylum applications

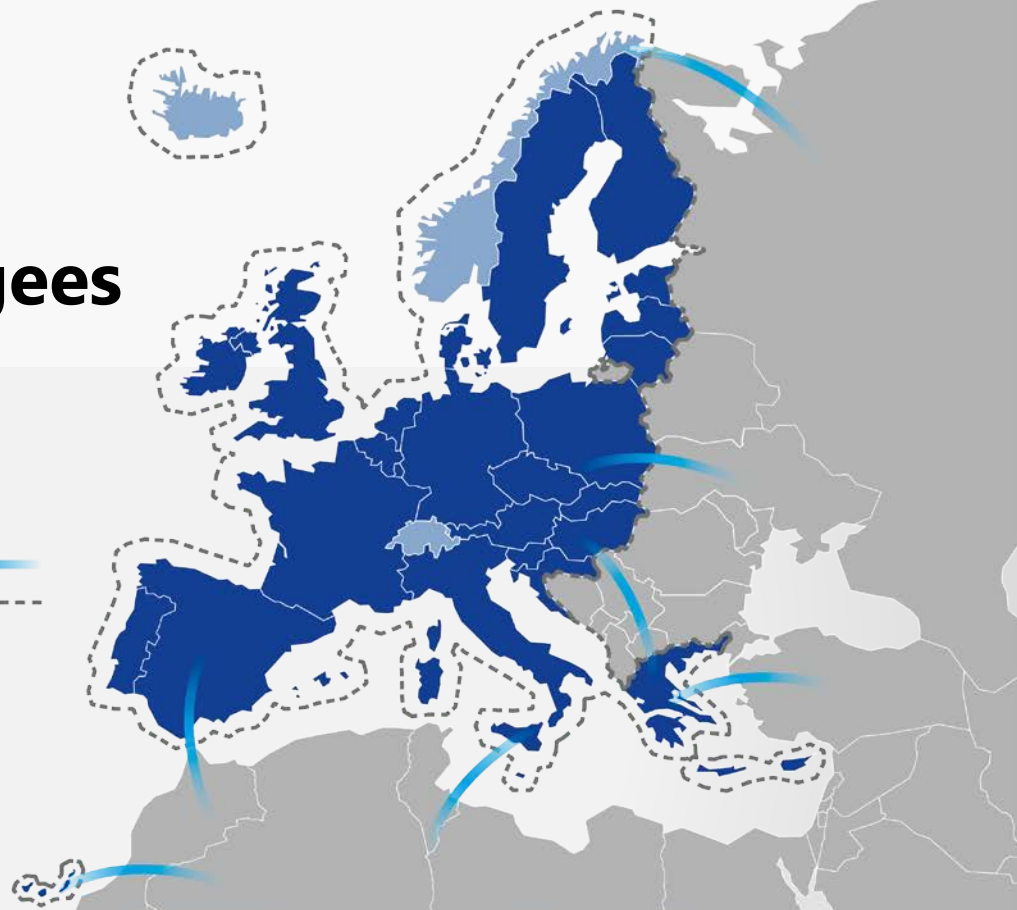
Ensures all applications processed

Coordinated asylum policy



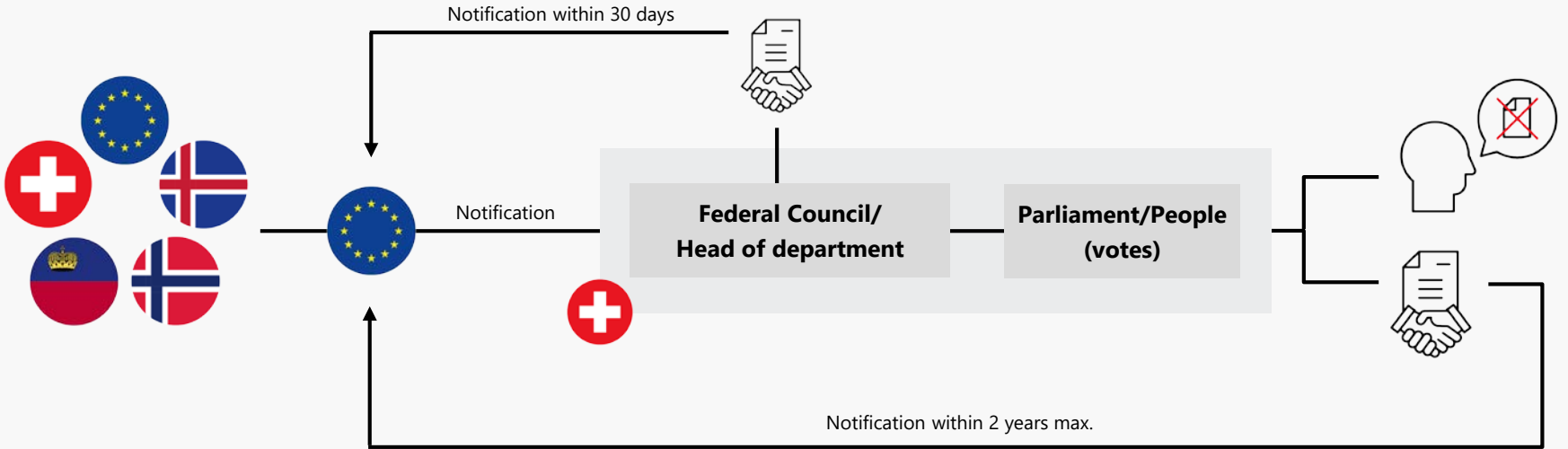
Routes taken by refugees and migrants and migrants

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Schengen external borders - - - -





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

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



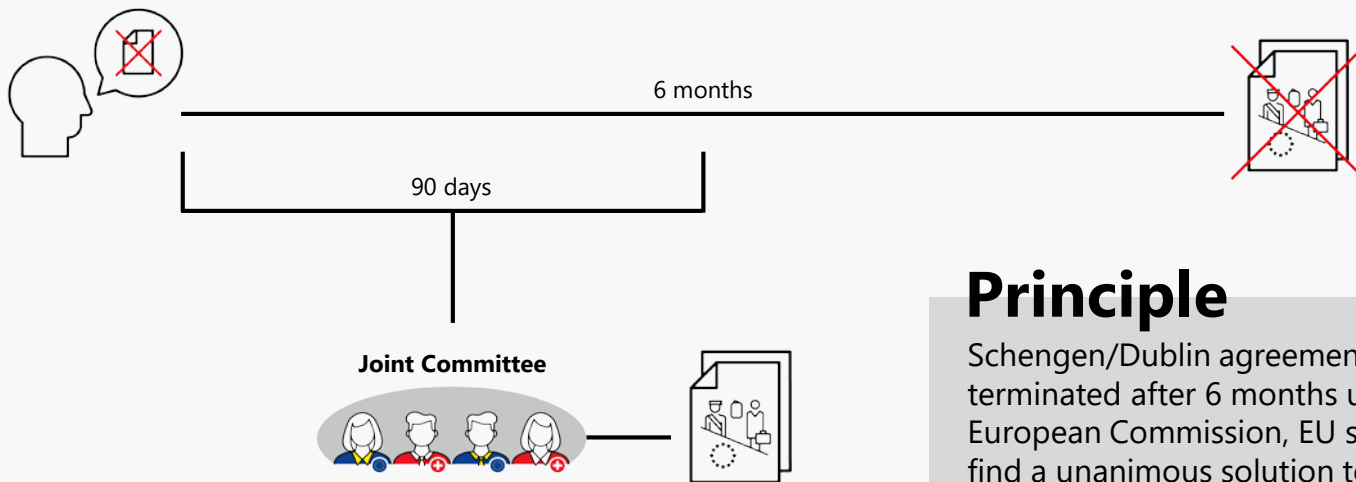
Firearms law

- Sets minimum standards to combat the misuse of weapons
- Swiss militia system and keeping of militia army firearms at home are not affected
- Revised firearms directive adopted on 17.05.2017
- On 19.05.2019, the Swiss people voted in favour of the partial revision of Swiss firearms legislation (63.7% in favour)





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

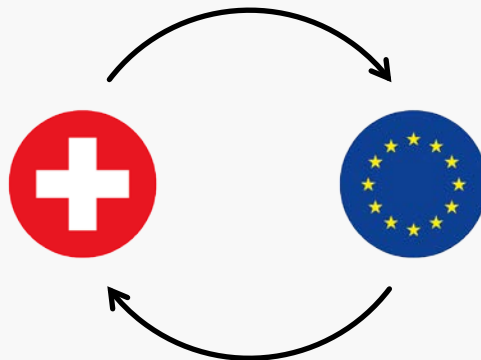
Supports efforts to fight international crime

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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