Slovenia carries out more effective controls along borders with Croatia and Hungary

Slovenia reintroduced temporary controls on the internal Schengen border with Croatia and Hungary on 21 October 2023. In December 2025, the government issued an ordinance amending the initial decision and extending it for further 6 months, until 21 June 2026.

Authorities reported a growth in organised crime in the Western Balkans, and Slovenian law enforcement were closely following potential threats and factors that could cause an increase in radicalisation of individuals and violent extremism.

On 11 June 2026, the Minister of the Interior indicated in a press conference that the government had decided to lift border checks at the internal borders with Croatia and Hungary.

The minister indicated that border control will be carried out through different, more effective police measures and the police changed their approach to surveillance of the border. The new approach involves random checks based on risk analyses and the implementation of compensatory measures, primarily on the most important and highest-risk transit routes, along the state border and inland.

The minister stated that, despite the lack of a national legislative framework to implement the Pact on Migration and Asylum, tasks will be carried out on the basis of the International Protection Act and the powers granted to the police to ensure that the necessary standards are met.

The government has followed the European Commission's recommendations on the necessity and proportionality of Slovenia's reintroduction of border control.

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