On 22 May the Czech Minister of the Interior met with the Austrian Federal Minister of the Interior future of temporary protection for people fleeing the war in Ukraine and the future direction of European migration policy. The discussion focused in particular on the possibilities of narrowing the scope of temporary protection for new arrivals and coordinating a common European approach. The Czech Republic also appreciated the inclusion of the debate on the next steps in temporary protection at the June meeting of the Council of EU Interior Ministers. The Minister of the Interior also mentioned at the meeting that the Czech Republic intends to participate in the emerging return programme of the European Commission in Ukraine.

Another key topic of the discussion was the European migration policy. Both countries agree on the need to consistently combat irregular migration, strengthen the protection of the European Union's external borders, and implement an effective return policy. The ministers also discussed so-called innovative solutions, such as return centres in third countries, and strengthen cooperation in the European and international contexts.

Additional topics of discussion included police cooperation, the situation at the common border and issues of cooperation in the field of internal security.

More information is available here.

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