Minister of the Interior Boštjan Poklukar attended a meeting of the Council of Ministers of the European Union (EU) for Justice and Home Affairs in Luxembourg.

Return was one of the topics discussed during the meeting. Ministers held a **political debate on a proposal for a regulation on the return of illegally staying third-country nationals**, **calling for effective, sustainable and workable solutions.** This also applies to the concept of **mutual recognition of return decisions,** with the aim of ensuring that return cannot be avoided after a decision has been issued simply by fleeing to another Member State, but that return must be ensured as quickly and efficiently as possible. Minister Poklukar also stressed the importance of a **balanced approach** to the common European return system, which combines the speed and efficiency of procedures with the guarantee of individual rights and clear technical and legal standards.

Over a working lunch, ministers discussed returns to Syria.

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