

On the accession of Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to the Schengen Area

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 2-3 December 2022

Recognises that:

- the European Commission presented its *State of Schengen Report 2022* in June 2022, stating that since December 2021 the EU Council recognised that Croatia had fulfilled all Schengen accession criteria, and furthermore,
- the Commission recognised that Romania and Bulgaria are actively applying the Schengen acquis and that they fulfil the necessary conditions to join Schengen;
- the Commission called upon the EU Council in the State of Schengen Report 2022 to take the necessary steps to enable Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to become members of the Schengen Area without further delay;
- the European Parliament voted on a resolution in October, calling upon the EU Council to take all necessary steps to allow Romania and Bulgaria to join the Schengen Area;
- Renew Europe called upon the EU Council in November to allow Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to join the Schengen area and put an end to this discriminatory exclusion that impacts negatively upon the free movement of citizens and also harms the single market.

Calls for:

- ALDE member parties to publicly express their support for the Schengen accession of Bulgaria, Croatia, and Romania;
- the Justice and Home Affairs Council to vote favorably on this matter during their upcoming 8-9 December meeting.

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