

ITEMS DEBATED

Eastern Partnership

The Council took stock of preparations for the Eastern Partnership summit to be held on 28/29 November in Vilnius.

The summit could see the initialling of the Association Agreements with the Republic of Moldova and with Georgia as well as the signature of the Agreement with Ukraine. Ministers exchanged views on Ukraine's progress in implementing the conditions for the possible signature of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Determined action and tangible progress is needed in three areas: the compliance of the 2012 parliamentary elections' with international standards, addressing the issue of selective justice and preventing its recurrence, and the implementation of the reforms jointly agreed in the Association Agenda.

After the meeting, the EU High Representative highlighted that the main outstanding case of selective justice needed to be addressed and that the Council continued to support the efforts of the European Parliament monitoring mission to this end.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Council took stock of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

After the discussion, the EU High Representative stressed the support ministers gave to the work of the Commission and the EU Special Representative with a view to moving forward on the Sejdić/Finci case. She highlighted that the future of BiH lies with the European Union. At the same time, she underlined that the key responsibility for progress lay with the political leaders of the country.

On 21 October, the Council expressed its serious concern that the third meeting of the high-level dialogue on the accession process in October 2013 did not bring the expected results, and in particular at the on-going failure of the Bosnia and Herzegovina political leaders to implement the European Court of Human Rights ruling in the Sejdić/Finci case (see [Council conclusions](#)).

China

The High Representative briefed ministers about the state of play of preparations for the 16th EU-China summit on 21 November.

Southern neighbourhood

- Egypt

During lunch, ministers exchanged views on latest developments in Egypt.