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Work on the recast proposals constituting the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) is progressing well. The Qualification Directive was published in the Official Journal in December 2011. The Council and the European Parliament reached agreement on the Reception Conditions Directive and the Dublin Regulation, so that both co-legislators are now in a position to finalise the legislative procedure on these two asylum proposals. Negotiations on the recasts of the Asylum Procedures Directive and the Eurodac Regulation have entered their final phase.

At its meeting on 25-26 October 2012, the Justice and Home Affairs Council confirmed the agreement reached between the Council and the European Parliament on the recast of the Reception Conditions Directive.

At its meeting on 6/7 December, the Justice and Home Affairs Council is expected to confirm the Political agreement on the Dublin Regulation.

The negotiations between the Council and the European Parliament on the Asylum Procedures Directive are in their end phase. The positions of the Council and the Parliament have converged on many issues and agreement is sought before the end of his year on the basis of a global compromise package.

On 10 October, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed a negotiating mandate for the informal trilogues on the fourth revised version of the recast of the Eurodac Regulation of 30 May 2012. The LIBE Committee will vote on 17 December the negotiating mandate for its rapporteur. After both co-legislators have established their positions, negotiations in informal trilogues can start. The first informal trilogue is scheduled for 18 December.

The Council is invited to take note of the progress achieved on the legislative proposals in the field of asylum and to instruct Council's preparatory bodies to continue work in to establish the legislative framework for a Common European Asylum System.
