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Dear President of the College,  
Dear Ladislav,

Final report of the inspection of Eurojust September 2019

As Chair of the Joint Supervisory Body, it is my task to present to you the report of the inspection, carried out at Eurojust on 23-26 September 2019, by an inspection team appointed by the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust.

The aim of this eighth, final inspection of Eurojust, before the JSB officially hands over to the European Data Protection Supervisor on 12 December 2019, was to assess the overall handling of personal data at Eurojust and to monitor the follow-up by Eurojust to the recommendations of the last inspection report of March 2018.

Our conclusion is that it is evident that Eurojust is taking seriously the JSB’s findings and recommendations of March 2018. The organisation is active in improving its data protection compliance and overall awareness of the importance of diligent conformity with the rules concerning the handling of personal data is at a high level. This does not necessarily mean, though, that all the recommendations have been completely fulfilled.

The JSB believes that Eurojust, because of its special role and responsibility for a just and safe society, should excel when it comes to the fundamental right of the protection of personal data. This time, though, the inspection team heard expressions of concern about insufficient budgets and inadequate resources from interviewed Eurojust staff members and how it was becoming increasingly difficult to keep systems up to date with the necessary policy and technical requirements and aspirations. For instance, the Case Management System (CMS) is currently not being used to its full potential and cannot serve, as intended, as a sophisticated source for management-information and data concerning trends and developments in crime. This limitation prevents Eurojust from being able to fulfil and uphold its ambitions.

The new regulation on Eurojust needs a comprehensive internal introduction, training and updating of rules and work processes. The JSB would like to underline the vital role Eurojust’s DPO and the DPO Office play in creating an organisation that takes data protection seriously. It is now more than ever necessary to have a strong and well-qualified DPO, as it is the case in the person of the actual DPO, Mrs. Diana Alonso Blas, to ensure an efficient and successful transition to the new legal framework and the new supervisory scheme with the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) for the benefit of Eurojust.
Needless to say, should you need any further information or explanation about the inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact me through the JSB Secretariat.

Finally, I would like to thank all Eurojust’s staff for their excellent cooperation with the inspectors and wish Eurojust all the best in the changeover to the new regime of supervision under the European Data Protection Supervisor.

Yours sincerely,

Lotty Prussen
Chair Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust

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