10 YEARS OF EUROJUST
Operational Achievements and Future Challenges

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Contents

Eurojust was formally established by Council Decision in 2002 as the European Union’s Judicial Cooperation Unit with its headquarters in The Hague. The mission of Eurojust is to stimulate and improve coordination and cooperation among the competent judicial authorities of the EU Member States in relation to serious cross-border and organised crime. Eurojust has greatly developed and evolved in its first 10 years of existence. During this first decade, Eurojust has also faced the challenge of EU enlargements, the establishment of numerous cooperation agreements with third States, international organisations and EU bodies and agencies, and the introduction of a revised legal basis to strengthen its operational capabilities. Looking at the years to come, discussions on Eurojust’s future have already begun. Current reflections concern the reform of Eurojust’s structure and Eurojust’s possible role in the creation of a European Public Prosecutor’s Office.

Key topics

- Expectations from the forthcoming Commission proposal for a new draft Regulation on Eurojust
- Prospects for a European Public Prosecutor’s Office established from Eurojust
- Cooperation with other EU bodies and third States

Who should attend?

The conference is targeted at judges, prosecutors, defence counsel, ministry officials, as well as academics.

Get to know Eurojust

The conference will be actively supported by Eurojust and offer the unique possibility to get in contact with Eurojust’s National Members and staff.

Networking opportunities

This conference will provide interested parties with an excellent opportunity to exchange best practice and experience by establishing personal contacts.
Speakers and chairpersons

Diana Alonso Blas, Data Protection Officer, Eurojust, The Hague
Frédéric Baab, President of the Court of Dunkerque, France
Olivier de Baynast, Prosecutor General, Appeal Court of Douai and former Eurojust National Member for France
Michèle Coninsx, President of Eurojust and National Member for Belgium, The Hague
Péter Csonka, Advisor, Criminal Justice, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels
Charles Elsen, Hon. Director General at the Council of the EU, former Director General of Justice and Home Affairs at the Council of the EU, Luxembourg
Jorge Espina, Prosecutor, International Department, Spanish Prosecutor General’s Office, Madrid
Daniel Flore, Director General, Belgian Ministry of Justice, Brussels, and Professor, University of Liège
Nicholas Franssen, Counsellor, Ministry of Security and Justice in the Netherlands, The Hague
Malči Gabrijelčič, National Member for Slovenia and Chair of the Eurojust External Relations Team, The Hague
Jesper Hjortenberg, National Member for Denmark and Chair of the Eurojust Casework Strategy and Performance Management Team, The Hague
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Giovanni Kessler, Director-General of OLAF, Brussels
André Klip, Professor, Maastricht University
Jolien Kuitert, Deputy National Member for the Netherlands and Chair of the Eurojust EJN & Liaison Magistrates Team, The Hague
Ola Laurell, Chief Prosecutor and former Eurojust National Member for Sweden
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels and Professor of Constitutional Law and Professor Jean Monnet of EU Law
Marc Maes, Deputy Head Transparency Unit, Secretariat-General, European Commission, Brussels
Roelof Jan Manschot, Former Vice-President of Eurojust and former Dutch Chief-Prosecutor, The Hague
Oldřich Martinů, Deputy Director of the Governance Department, Europol, The Hague
Jörg Monar, Professor, University of Sussex and College of Europe
Hans G. Nilsson, Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights and Criminal Justice, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels
Ignazio Patrone, Coordinator of the International Affairs Department, Prosecutor General’s Office, Rome
Sylvie Petit-Leclaire, National Member for France, The Hague
Klaus Rackwitz, Administrative Director, Eurojust, The Hague
Raivo Sepp, Vice-President of Eurojust and National Member for Estonia, The Hague
Jakob Thomsen, Head of Unit, Transparency and Access to documents, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels
Wouter Van de Rijt, Head of the Coordination Sector, Justice and Home Affairs, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels
John Vervaele, Professor, University of Utrecht
Marianne Wade, Senior Lecturer, Birmingham Law School
Anne Weyembergh, Professor, Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels
Carlos Zeyen, Vice-President of Eurojust and National Member for Luxembourg, The Hague
Monday, 12 November 2012

12:00 Arrival and registration of participants
12:30 Lunch
13:45 Welcome address
   Michèle Coninsx
   Introductory remarks
   Jörg Monar

I. EUROJUST’S OPERATIONAL WORK TODAY AND UNDER THE LISBON TREATY
   Chair: Carlos Zeyen
14:15 Status and powers of the National Members. Powers of the College
   Olivier de Baynast
14:30 Coordination and initiation through Eurojust
   Anne Weyembergh
14:45 Conflicts of jurisdiction and judicial cooperation instruments: Eurojust’s role
   Ignazio Patrone
15:00 Supporting Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) from establishment to closure: Eurojust’s role in JITs
   Sylvie Petit-Leclair
15:15 Panel discussion on Eurojust’s operational work
   Carlos Zeyen, Hans G. Nilsson, Daniel Flore
15:45 Discussion with the audience
16:15 Coffee break

II. GATHERING AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: MEANS OF IMPROVEMENT AND FACILITATION
   Chair: Jesper Hjortenberg
16:30 Gathering and exchange of information. The present and future role of the Eurojust National Coordination System (ENCS)
   Ola Laurell
16:45 Giving access to documents
   Marc Maes
17:00 Dealing with confidentiality issues
   Jakob Thomsen
17:15 Finding the right balance between the use of information and data protection
   Diana Alonso Blas
17:30 Discussion with the audience
18:00 End of first day
20:00 Dinner
A PARTNER WITHIN THE EU AND BEYOND: EUROJUST’S NETWORK OF COOPERATION
Chair: Malči Gabrijelčič

09:00 Eurojust and the European Parliament: which synergies for the future?
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

09:15 Cooperation with the European Judicial Network, JHA agencies and OLAF
Frédéric Baab

09:30 Cooperation with third States and international organisations
Wouter Van de Rijt

09:45 Panel discussion on future developments in Eurojust’s cooperation with partners
Malči Gabrijelčič, Oldřich Martinů, Jolien Kuitert

10:15 Discussion with the audience

10:30 Coffee break

RESTRUCTURING EUROJUST FOR THE FUTURE
Chair: Raivo Sepp

10:45 Improving Eurojust’s structure
Klaus Rackwitz

11:00 Judicial control: The future role of the CJEU for Eurojust
Marianne Wade

11:15 Panel discussion: what to expect from the proposal for a Regulation on Eurojust?
Raivo Sepp, Alexandra Jour-Schroeder, Roelof Jan Manschot, Nicholas Franssen

12:00 Discussion with the audience

12:30 Lunch

CREATING A EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE (EPPO) FROM EUROJUST
Chair: Michèle Coninsx

14:00 Possible prosecution service models
André Klip

14:20 Finding a design for the European Public Prosecutor’s Office and Eurojust
Hans G. Nilsson

14:40 A future coherent procedural-institutional framework: the way ahead to implement Articles 85 and 86 TFEU
John Vervaele

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Panel discussion on the EPPO from Eurojust
Michèle Coninsx, Péter Csonka, Jorge Espina, Giovanni Kessler, Daniel Flore

16:15 Discussion with the audience

16:45 General conclusions: Future perspectives
Charles Elsen

17:00 End of conference
Conference venue
De Nieuwe Kerk
Spui 175
The Hague

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English

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€150 includes catering and documentation.

Registration
Members of the College of Eurojust and invited representatives of the Member States register via Eurojust.

Other interested parties please register via the ERA website www.era.int or fax your filled-in registration form to the ERA fax number: +49 651 9 37 37 773. You will find the registration form at the end of this brochure.

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