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# 10 YEARS OF EUROJUST Operational Achievements and Future Challenges

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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

- Impact of Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust
- 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 Coninx**, 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 Hjortenborg**, National Member for Denmark and Chair of the Eurojust Casework Strategy and Performance Management Team, The Hague

**Alexandra Jour-Schroeder**, Head of Unit – Criminal Law, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels

**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-Leclair**, 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

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12:00      Arrival and registration of participants

12:30      Lunch

13:45      **Welcome address**

Michèle Coninx

**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 Hjortenbergh

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



Tuesday, 13 November 2012

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III.

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

IV.

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

V.

CREATING A EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (EPPO) FROM EUROJUST

Chair: Michèle Coninx

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 Coninx, 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

## Language

English

## Event number

312DT09

## Participation fee

€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](http://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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