

**Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust on the draft Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and the Republic of Serbia**

At its meeting on 28 March 2019 the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust (hereinafter JSB) considered the draft Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and the Republic of Serbia, in order to give its opinion in accordance with Article 26a(2) of the Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust.

The JSB appreciates the fact that Eurojust, through its Board on Relations with Partners and the Data Protection Officer, has consulted closely with it during the process of discussions in preparation of the draft cooperation agreement.

After careful deliberation and discussion, the JSB concludes as follows:

- Considering that the Republic of Serbia has ratified Council of Europe Convention no.108 of 28 January 1981 for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data;
- Considering that the Republic of Serbia has ratified the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention 108 on 10 January 2014;
- Considering that the Data Protection Officer has been closely involved in the negotiation process and that the level of data protection in the Republic of Serbia has been assessed as satisfactory by the Data Protection Officer following the recently adoption of the Serbian data protection law based on EU data protection standards and containing the comments and suggestions provided by the Eurojust Data Protection Office;

- Considering that the data protection provisions contained in the draft Cooperation Agreement between Eurojust and the Republic Serbia are fully aligned with Eurojust's draft model agreement – evaluated positively by the JSB in previous occasions - including some limited necessary changes in the data protection provisions aimed at allowing a smooth transition to the Eurojust Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 (to be directly applicable as from 12 December 2019).

The JSB welcomes the draft cooperation agreement between Eurojust and the Republic of Serbia and is generally satisfied with its content. The JSB therefore gives a positive opinion on the draft agreement.

Done at The Hague,

On 28 March 2019



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Chair of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust