

Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust on the draft cooperation agreement between Eurojust and Montenegro

At the meeting on the 23rd of April 2015, the Joint Supervisory Body considered the draft cooperation agreement between Eurojust and Montenegro in order to give its opinion in accordance with Article 26a (2) of the Eurojust Decision.

The Joint Supervisory Body appreciates the fact that Eurojust, through its external relations team and the Data Protection Service, has provided it with extensive information through the process of discussions in preparation of a possible start of negotiations for a cooperation agreement and is pleased to observe that the level of protection in Montenegro, as a result of the substantial preparatory work done by both parties, has been assessed as satisfactory by the Data Protection Officer.

After careful deliberation and discussion, the Joint Supervisory Body concluded as follows:

Considering that Montenegro has ratified the Convention 108 of the Council of Europe on the 6 September 2005,

Considering that Montenegro has ratified the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention 108 on 3 March 2010,

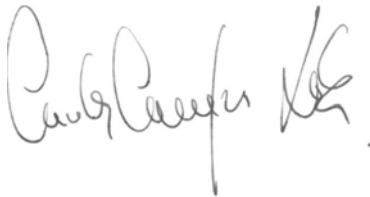
Considering the fact that the data protection legislation applicable in Montenegro has been substantially modified and that the comments and suggestions made by Eurojust in order to ensure an adequate level of protection have been taken on board to the satisfaction of the Data Protection Officer of Eurojust,

Considering the substantial work done by the Montenegrin authorities in cooperation with Eurojust to raise awareness regarding data protection issues with local judges and prosecutors in Montenegro and the high level of effort and commitment shown by those authorities in this context,

Considering that the draft agreement contains all relevant data protection provisions in line with the model agreement positively evaluated by the Joint Supervisory Body in previous occasions,

The Joint Supervisory Body considers the provisions on the exchange of personal data contained in the draft cooperation agreement between Eurojust and Montenegro adequate and gives therefore a positive opinion on the draft agreement.

Done at The Hague,
23 April 2015



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Chair of the Joint Supervisory Body