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Human traffickers swiftly taken to court with support of Eurojust

An organised crime group (OCG) in Romania and Finland allegedly ran a network for the sexual exploitation of around ten women. The suspects recruited their young female victims from poorer rural areas of Romania for sexual exploitation in Finland, often under false pretences.



November 2020 – Thanks to the rapid judicial cooperation facilitated by Eurojust, the **alleged perpetrators** are swiftly taken to court and **formally charged** with trafficking in human beings, inciting prostitution, and money laundering.



May 2020 – Immediately after the second coordination meeting, the **joint action day** takes place. It results in the **arrest of nine OCG members** in Romania and Finland. Their **victims are returned to safety**.



May 2020 – A **second coordination meeting** is held. The delegations agree on jurisdictional issues, deciding with Eurojust support **which country is best placed to prosecute** whom and for which crimes. The joint action day is prepared.



January 2020 – Eurojust organises the **first of two coordination meetings** in this case. During this meeting, a **joint investigation team** is set up, funded by the Agency. The delegations clarify differences between the legal provisions of the two countries. For example, the Finnish law permits the use of recorded statements in court, while the Romanian law requires written statements.



2019 – At the request of the Romanian authorities and with the support of the Romanian and Finnish National Desks at Eurojust, **investigations into the OCG are opened in Finland**.

