



DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

The Focus Group of prosecutors and judges fighting migrant smuggling, including its subgroup on Western Balkans

As Eurojust collects and further processes personal data, it is subject to *Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC* ('the Regulation').

The following information is provided as per Article 15 of the Regulation.

1. Context of the processing activity and Controller

On 6 December 2018 the Council of the European Union approved a “comprehensive and operational set of measures” to enhance the response to migrant smuggling networks. One of the adopted measures included a call for Eurojust “to continue facilitating the networking of practitioners to foster the exchange of best practice, identify challenges and lessons learned in investigation and prosecuting migrant smuggling cases, including by considering the necessity to set up a prosecutors’ network to that end” (Council document 15250/18).

On 5 November 2019, the College of Eurojust decided to establish a “Focus Group” of prosecutors and investigating judges fighting migrant smuggling cases.

In July 2023, Eurojust’s Anti-Trafficking Team launched a dedicated Western Balkans subgroup of the Focus Group.

The aims of the Focus Group are:

- to establish a privileged relation amongst practitioners in the field of smuggling of migrants,
- to facilitate the sharing of their expertise with the support of Eurojust,
- to disseminate strategic documents, best practices and other relevant reports that might be of interest to and helpful for the participants, and
- to receive input from practitioners on current issues, problems but also opportunities in judicial cooperation.

A meeting of the Focus Group members will take place once a year at Eurojust.

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The data controller is the Head of Casework Unit and can be contacted via the email address operations@eurojust.europa.eu.



2. What personal information do we collect, for what purpose, under which legal bases and through which technical means?

Purpose of the processing

The purpose of processing the personal data is to maintain and update a list of the members of the Focus Group and its subgroup appointed and selected by the competent national authorities in the EU or respective third country in order to enable contacts related to activities of the Focus Group, which Eurojust supports, in particular sharing of non-operational information/documents and the organisation and follow up of the annual Focus Group meeting.

Types of personal data

The following **categories of personal data** are processed in the context of the above mentioned processing activity: name, surname, function, work address, corporate telephone number and corporate email address.

Legal basis

Processing is necessary for the performance of tasks in the public interest as it is indicated in section 1 of this Notice (Art. 5 (1) (a) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725) and in particular the provisions establishing Eurojust and Eurojust's tasks (Article 1(1) and Article 2(1) of the Eurojust Regulation); carried out in support of the Focus Group and its subgroup.

The personal data from the contact list will only be shared with the other members of the group, the National Desks/Liaison Prosecutor at Eurojust, Europol and cooperating entities such as the Council of Europe on the basis of your consent (Art. 5 (1) (d) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725).

You may also indicate your preference concerning the sharing of your contact details on the contact list only among the members of the group you belong to or within both groups.

Please note that you have the right to withdraw your consent for sharing your contact details at any time. To do that, please contact the data controller via operations@eurojust.europa.eu and/or the administrator of the Focus Group via FocusGroup@eurojust.europa.eu and/or FocusGroup.WesternBalkans@eurojust.europa.eu and we will do what is technically and organisationally possible to accomplish your request as soon as possible.

Technical means

We collect this information via email from your respective National Desk/Liaison Prosecutor at Eurojust or from you directly. We will store those data in Eurojust secure ICT environment with restricted access to duly authorised post holders of Eurojust on the need to know basis.

3. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Only the respective National Desks of Eurojust, Liaison Prosecutor posted at Eurojust and duly authorised Eurojust staff members from Casework Unit will have access to the data for the purpose described above.

With regard to the organisation of the annual meeting – and solely for this purpose – duly authorised staff members from Executive Support Team, Budget, Finance and Planning, Security and the Events and Logistics Units will also have access to the data on the need to know basis.

For the organisation of further meetings - and only for this purpose - personal data will be shared with the CRIM JUST Western Balkans project implemented by Eurojust and the EU4FAST project, implemented by CILC on behalf of the European Commission, DG NEAR.



To fulfil the aim of the Focus Group, its subgroup Western Balkans and to foster international judicial cooperation, the data of the contact list will be shared amongst the members of the Focus Group, its subgroup, the National Desks and the respective Liaison Prosecutors, Europol (European Migrant Smuggling Centre, EMSC) and the Council of Europe (for the purpose of the network of migrant smuggling prosecutors) if you have consented to that in accordance with Art. 3 (15) and Art. 7 of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Personal data (name, surname, function, corporate telephone number and corporate email address) may be transferred to those third countries, that are represented in the Focus Group and its subgroup Western Balkans based on the applicable cooperation agreement or when there is no cooperation agreement in place, Eurojust will request a prior explicit consent from a data subject in line with Article 50(1)(a) of the Regulation 2018/1725.

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The information is electronically archived in the Data Management System of Eurojust, a secured network. All IT tools at Eurojust are developed according to a standard set of security and are thoroughly tested accordingly, to ensure robustness and reliability.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The data contained in the contact list are regularly reviewed (every six months). As soon as Eurojust is notified about the changes of the position of a person, the data in the list are updated, or if no longer necessary, deleted.

6. How can you verify, modify or delete your information?

You have the right to access your personal data and to relevant information concerning how we use your personal data. You have the right to request rectification of your personal data. You have the right to ask that we delete your personal data or restrict its use. Where applicable, you have the right to object to our processing of your personal data, on grounds relating to your particular situation. Where applicable, you have the right to your data portability. We will consider your request, take a decision, and communicate it to you. For more information, please see Articles 14 to 21, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Please note that in some cases restrictions under Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 may apply (see College Decision 2020-04 of 15 July 2020 on internal rules concerning restrictions of certain data subjects' rights in relation to the processing of personal data in the framework of activities carried out by Eurojust, available in the Eurojust website [here](#)).

To exercise your rights, please contact the data controller via operations@eurojust.europa.eu and/or the administrator of the Focus Group via FocusGroup@eurojust.europa.eu and/or FocusGroup.WesternBalkans@eurojust.europa.eu.

7. Contact information

In case of queries regarding the processing of personal data you may also contact the Data Protection Officer of Eurojust (dpo@eurojust.europa.eu).

8. Recourse

You have the right to lodge a complaint to the European Data Protection Supervisor via the email edps@edps.europa.eu or https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-role-supervisor/complaints_en if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data.