



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE ON CROSS-MEDITERRANEAN JUDICIAL COOPERATION FOR FIGHTING MIGRANT SMUGGLING

12-13 May 2022

Athens, Greece

Titania Hotel

Panepistimiou 52, Athens, 106 78, Greece

Please note that the opening Ceremony of the conference will take place at the emblematic hall of the University of Athens (Panepistimiou Ave. 30)

The Conference will be preceded by EuroMed Justice 15th CrimEx meeting



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OBJECTIVES

Bring together criminal justice practitioners from South Partner Countries and European Union Member States together with representatives of EU JHA Agencies, International Organisation and other EuroMed Justice stakeholders to exchange experience, operational challenges and best practices on preventing, investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating migrant smuggling offences.

PARTICIPANTS

- Criminal justice practitioners (judges, prosecutors, representatives of Ministries of Justice, law enforcement) from South Partner Countries;
- Criminal Justice practitioners (judges, prosecutors, representatives of Ministries of Justice) from EU Member States;
- International organisations and EU Agencies
 - Eurojust
 - CEPOL
 - Frontex
 - EJN
 - UNODC
 - Council of Europe

EuroMed Justice Programme Team

- Mr. Virgil IVAN-CUCU - Programme Coordinator (Team Leader)
- Mr. Alexandru FRUNZA-NICOLESCU – Legal Officer
- Mrs. Morgane THEBAULT – Communication Officer
- Mrs. Christina TSIKMAKI – Programme Officer



Thursday 12 May 2022 – Day 1

09.30 Registration of the participants at the emblematic hall of the University of Athens (Panepistimiou Avenue 30)

10.00 Opening speeches

- **Konstantinos Tsiaras, Minister of Justice, Greece**
- **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu, Project Coordinator, EuroMed Justice**

Moderator Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu, EuroMed Justice Legal Officer

10.30 Introduction of the topic and programme

- EuroMed Justice team and Greek National Member for Eurojust, **Paraskevas Adamis**, to introduce the topic and programme;

10.45 Fighting smuggling of migrants at national level – the Greek experience

- **Stamatina Perimeni**, Head Prosecutor, The impact of migrant smuggling on terrorism
- **Georgios Voulgaris**, Head Prosecutor, The role of the international judicial cooperation office in Greece
- **Lambros Patsavellas**, Head Prosecutor, Joint Investigation teams-Greek legal framework and experience

11.30 Coffee Break

12.00 The EU Action Plan on Migrant Smuggling and the implementation of the action plan by EU JHA agencies and other EU bodies

- **Filippo Spiezia**, Eurojust National Member for Italy, Chair of Anti-Trafficking Team (20 minutes);
- **Nicholas Garlick**, Senior Coordinating Officer, Law Enforcement Sector, Frontex; (20 minutes)
- **Ms Antonia Giannakopoulou**, EJN Contact Point for Greece at Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Appeal of Athens (20 minutes);

13.00 Return to Hotel Titania for the lunch break



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14.30 Perspectives from the other side of the Mediterranean

Moderator: Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu, Project Coordinator, EuroMed Justice

Sharing of experience and practices at national level by representatives of the criminal justice authorities from South Partner Countries; cooperation cases with EU MS, SPCs or EU Agencies (one speaker on behalf of each South Partner Country – 10 minutes per intervention)

- **Algeria**
- **Egypt**
- **Israel**
- **Jordan**
- **Lebanon**
- **Morocco**
- **Palestine**
- **Tunisia**

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 EuroMed Justice Forum of Prosecutors General Strategy and Action plan on migrant smuggling

EuroMed Justice Team to present the action plan on migrants smuggling and how “to transform the action plan in action”

17.00 End of day 1

19.30 Departure for the social dinner offered by the Greek Ministry of Justice (exact location in Athens to be communicated)



Friday 13 May 2022 – Day 2

Moderator: Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu, EuroMed Justice Programme Coordinator

10.00 Sharing of experience and practices at national level by representatives of the criminal justice authorities from EU Member States; cooperation cases with SPCs and EU Agencies (one speaker on behalf of each EU MS – 10 minutes per intervention)

11.15 Capacity building good practices by international and EU partners (15 minutes per speaker)

- **Imene Khalifa Colovic**, Project Manager, Council of Europe;
- **Emese Horvacz**, Project Coordinator, EuroMed Police, CEPOL;
- **Alline Pedra Jorge**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC;
- **Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu**, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice

12.15 Coffee Break

12.45 Inter-institutional, inter-agency and International cooperation – the key to success in addressing smuggling of migrants crime

Migrant Smuggling Joint Investigation Teams cases involving Eurojust and Greece

Speakers:

- **Panagiotis Maniatis**, Deputy National Member for Greece at Eurojust
- **Ilias Konstantakopoulos**, Public Prosecutor
- **Erofil Stathopoulou**, MLA Investigative Judge
- **Ilias K. LYTRAS**, Police Major, Head of Department
- **Christos Tsitsimpikos**, Chief Superintendent, SIRENE Greece

13.30 Lunch break

15.00 EuroMed Justice Network of Contact Points (EMJ Net); EMJ Team will introduce the EMJNet and explain how this can be used in smuggling of migrants cases;

15.30 Open mic – how to improve national, regional and cross-regional cooperation in criminal matters to better address smuggling of migrants crime?

- Participants are invited to take part in the debate



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16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Closing remarks and way ahead

18.00 End of the conference