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Agenda

EuroMed Justice *Conference on joint investigations*

15-16 May 2023

Academy of European Law (ERA)

Metzer Allee 4, 54295 Trier, Germany

Background information

EuroMed Justice Programme

EuroMed Justice (EMJ) is a capacity-building program designed to develop a sustainable cross-regional mechanism of judicial cooperation in criminal matters between EU Member States (EU MS), the South Partner Countries (SPCs) – Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine¹ and Tunisia – and EU JHA Agencies. The main purpose of the programme is to strengthen international cooperation in criminal matters between SPCs and EU MSs and EU JHA Agencies.

The Conference

EuroMed Justice (EMJ) Programme and the Academy of European Law (ERA) will co-organise on 15-16 May 2023, at ERA's headquarters in Trier, Germany, an international conference on joint investigations. The conference will bring together prosecutors and judges from South Partner Countries (SPCs)² and European Union Member States (EU MSs) together with representatives of EU Agencies and International Organisations to discuss and share knowledge and practices on how to make use of joint investigations, parallel investigations and spontaneous exchange of information, to better address cross-border crime, especially in the context of cross-Mediterranean cooperation in criminal matters.

EuroMed Justice will present for the first time the new practical tool on joint investigations, parallel investigations and spontaneous exchange of information developed with the support of practitioners from SPCs and EU MSs and experts on criminal justice.

Eurojust and the JITs Network Secretariat will share experience and knowledge on the establishment of joint investigation teams (JITs) and their functioning and on the specifics of JITs including EU MSs and third countries. The Guidelines on JITs involving third countries jointly prepared by Eurojust and the JITs Network Secretariat will also be presented.

¹ This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

² Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia



EU Agencies, International Organisations and other EU funded projects will present their respective organisation's perspectives and experience on this topic.

Representatives of Bar Association will discuss cooperation via joint investigations from a defence perspective.

Working languages

Simultaneous interpretation in **Arabic and English** will be assured during the working sessions.

Objectives of the conference

The main objective of the conference is to strengthen the capacity of the criminal justice authorities of the EU MSs and SPCs to fight serious and organized crime through efficient and effective cross-border judicial cooperation, with the use of joint investigations, joint investigation teams, parallel investigations and spontaneous exchange of information.

Expected participants

- Prosecutors and judges from SPCs;
- Prosecutors and judges from EU MSs participating in EuroMed Justice Programme;
- Criminal justice practitioners from EU MSs invited by ERA;
- EuroMed Justice and Eurojust staff;
- International organisations, EU Agencies and experts (Eurojust, Europol, EPPO, SELEC, SAFE/EPLO Consortium, UNODC, Council of Europe);
- Criminal defence lawyers.

Links to EuroMed Justice, Eurojust and ERA tools on joint investigations

[Publications - Euromed Justice Programme](#)

[Publications | Eurojust | European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Publications | CEPOL \(europa.eu\) European Judicial Network \(EJN\) \(europa.eu\)](#)

[SHERLOC Home \(unodc.org\)](#)



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Monday 15 May 2023 – First Day

09.00 Registration of participants

09.30 Opening and Welcome

Moderator – Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu, Project Coordinator, EuroMed Justice Programme

- **European Commission, Morgane Buttiens**, Project Officer, DG NEAR
- **Eurojust, Antonio Cluny**, National Member for Portugal
- **ERA, Viktor Vadász**, Deputy Director / Director of Programmes

10.00 EuroMed Justice Programme and the joint investigations component

- **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu**, Programme Coordinator and **Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu**, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice Programme

10.20 EuroMed Justice practical tools on joint investigations, parallel investigations and spontaneous exchange of information – presentation of the tool and the key findings by the group of experts who have developed the tool

- **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu**, Programme Coordinator and **Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu**, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice Programme ;

Follow up and questions

11.00 Coffee Break

Moderator – Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu, Legal Officer EuroMed Justice Programme

11.30 Joint investigations from the perspective of International Organisations and EU Agencies – speakers from EU Agencies and International Organisations

Speakers

- **Alvaro Rodriguez Gaya**, Coordinator for Operations, European Serious and Organize Crime Centre, Europol
- **Emmanuel Chirat**, European Delegated Prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)
- **Ertan SOZER**, Turkish Police Liaison Officer, Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)
- **Karen Kramer**, Senior Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer, Border Management Branch, UNODC

Follow up and questions

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break



Moderator – Cornelia Riehle, Deputy Head of Section – European Criminal Law, ERA

14.00 Building capacities to address cross-border serious crime with the use of joint investigations

Speakers

- **Tatiana Jancewicz**, Head of JITs Network Secretariat
- **Daniel Cuciurianu**, Programme Manager, C-Proc Office, Council of Europe
- **Alessandro D’Autillio**, Associate, Security and Freedom Europe (SAFE), member of SAFE/EPLO Consortium implementing EuroMed Justice Training component
- **Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu**, Legal Officer EuroMed Justice Programme

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Case presentation on successful joint investigations;

- **Ştefan Balaban – Chief prosecutor**, Directorate for Investigating Organized Crimes and Terrorism (DIICOT), Romania
- **Auke Willems**, Judicial Cooperation Officer, Casework Unit, Eurojust

17.00 End of day 1

19.30 Social dinner



Tuesday 16 May 2023 – Second Day

Moderator – Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu, Programme Coordinator

09.30 Eurojust and JITs Network Secretariat Guidelines on Joint Investigation Teams involving third countries – presentation of the guidelines and discussions with the audience

Speakers

- **Tatiana Jancewicz**, Head of JITs Network Secretariat
- **Auke Willems**, Judicial Cooperation Officer, Casework Unit, Eurojust

10.15 Joint investigations in the MENA region – sharing of experience by participants from SPCs – 10 minutes for intervention (part 1)

Speakers – one representative from:

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Israel
- Jordan

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Joint investigations in the MENA region – sharing of experience by participants from SPCs – 10 minutes for intervention (part 2)

Speakers – one representative from:

- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Palestine
- Tunisia

12.30 Collecting evidence with the use of joint investigations – the defence perspective

- **Adrian Sandru**, International Lawyer, Romania

13.00 Lunch break

Moderator Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice Programme

14.00 Parallel investigations and spontaneous exchange of information – when joint investigations are not feasible other tools can work

Speakers



- **Daniel Cuciurianu**, Programme Manager, C-Proc Office , Council of Europe
- **Karen Kramer**, Senior Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer, Border Management Branch, UNODC;
- **Ertan SOZER**, Turkish Police Liaison Officer, Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)

Follow up and questions

15.00 Eurojust support to Joint Investigation Teams and success stories

Speaker

- **Tatiana Jancewicz**, Head of JITs Network Secretariat and **Auke Willems**, Judicial Cooperation Officer, Casework Unit, Eurojust

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Multistakeholder approach in joint investigations – connecting prosecutors, law enforcement, Europol, Eurojust, liaison officers and liaison magistrates for the success of a JIT

Speakers

- **Anne-Christine Maderud**, Senior Public Prosecutor, Assistant to the National Member for Sweden at Eurojust;
- **Alvaro Rodriguez Gaya**, Coordinator for Operations, European Serious and Organize Crime Centre, Europol

Follow up and questions

16.45 Closing of the conference

- **Cornelia Riehle**, Deputy Head of Section – European Criminal Law, ERA
- **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu**, Programme Coordinator, EuroMed Justice Programme