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EuroMed Justice Study Visit

to Eurojust, Europol, The Netherlands Public Prosecution Service, International Criminal Court

27-29 June 2023, The Hague, The Netherlands

Background information

EuroMed Justice Programme

EuroMed Justice (EMJ) is a capacity-building programme designed to develop a sustainable cross-regional mechanism of judicial cooperation in criminal matters between EU Member States (EU MSs), the South Partner Countries (SPCs) – Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine¹ and Tunisia – and the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies. In accordance with the Training and Exchange Component of the Programme study visits are to be organised to enhance judicial and law enforcement response to transnational crime.

Objective and purpose

The objective of the study visit is to familiarise high-level representatives from the central judicial authorities of South Partner Countries with general information regarding the justice system and the role, organisation and functioning of the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service, International Criminal Court, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust).

The purpose of this study visit is to focus on sharing the know-how, experiences and best practices on judicial cooperation in criminal matters and foster the establishment and development of contacts between legal professionals from both shores of the Mediterranean.

Target audience

Senior criminal justice prosecutors and judges from the 9 South Partner Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia

Working languages

Simultaneous or consecutive interpretation in **Arabic** and **English** will be assured during the study visit.

¹This 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.

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday 27 June 2023 – First Day

09:30 – 15:30	Visit to the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service
09:30	Departure from the hotel to the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service
10:00 – 10:15	Arrival to the Head Office of the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service
10:15 – 12:00	Introductions and tour de table <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General overview on the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service by <i>Monique Corten, Head of the Department of International Affairs</i>- The Netherlands perspective on the international judicial cooperation and relations with South Partner Countries <p>*Coffee available (courtesy by the Dutch Authorities)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:00	Visit to the Local Office of the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service (1min walk) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcoming participants- The Netherlands Public Prosecution from the decentralised perspective- Tour of the building and court rooms <p>*Coffee available (courtesy by the Dutch Authorities)</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Departure from the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service to the hotel

Wednesday 28 June 2023 – Second Day

09:20 – 14:00	Visit to the International Criminal Court
09:20 – 09:40	Departure from the hotel to the International Criminal Court
09:40 – 10:00	Arrival at the International Criminal Court
10:00 – 10:30	Attending a hearing in the case <i>The Prosecutor v. Abd Al Rahman</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:30	Meeting with <i>Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Current activities of the Office of the Prosecutor <i>Nicole Samson, Senior Trial Lawyer</i>
12:15 – 13:00	External Relations and Cooperation <i>Anne Aurore Bertrand, External Relations & Cooperation Officer</i>
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:00	Departure from the International Criminal Court to Europol

14:00 – 17:00	Visit to Europol <i>Meeting Room Campoamor -1 Floor</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Arrival of the participants
14:15 – 15:30	Introductions and tour de table <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Objectives of the visit and opening remarks <p><i>G2-1 Strategy and External Relations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General presentation on Europol's structure and mandate and External Relations regime- Regional focus on MENA <p><i>Patrícia Silveira, Head of Unit, Strategy and External Relations</i></p>
15:30 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:45 – 16:45	O1- 2 Analysis & Strategic Coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Analysis of information and outreach to other JHA agencies; <i>Hilde Sabbe, Strategic Analysis</i>- Joint investigation teams (JITs);- Cooperation with Eurojust <i>Gizella Zsuzsanna Vas, Team Lead, Liaison and Stakeholder Coordination</i>- EUROMED POLICE project <i>Maria-Alexandra Mihalcea, Senior Project Coordinator</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Closing comments/ final remarks

Thursday 29 June 2023 – Third Day

09:30 – 16:00	Visit to Eurojust <i>Meeting Room Pollux -2 Floor</i> <i>Moderator: Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu, EuroMed Justice Legal Office</i>
09:00 – 09:20	Participants arrival at Eurojust premises and registration
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome by <i>Eurojust Vice-President, Ms. Margarita Šniutytė-Daugėlienė</i>
09:40 – 10:00	EuroMed Justice presentation <i>Alexandru Frunza-Nicolescu, EuroMed Justice Legal Office</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Presentation on Eurojust by <i>Jose de la Mata, Chair of the Board of the Relation with Partners</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break and group photo
11:15 – 12:15	Presentations JITs Secretariat on joint and parallel investigations and Eurojust Operations Department/Case Work Unit on Judicial Cooperation Tools <i>Julieta Carmona-Bermejo, Senior Judicial Cooperation Advisor</i> <i>Marco Mosele, Judicial Cooperation Officer</i>
12:15 – 12:45	Open floor to participants
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	Presentation on Coordination Centres at Eurojust <i>Christine Vigneron, Judicial Cooperation Advisor</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Open floor to participants
15:30 – 16:30	Bilateral Meetings