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PROGRAMME

REGULAR CRIMEX SESSION

Nº 18

19 - 20 September 2023

Cyprus

*The 18th CrimEx Meeting will be followed by the 2nd EMJNet Meeting on
21 September 2023*



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OBJECTIVES

To follow up the debates of the 17th CrimEx and finalise the agenda and documents for the 5th PG Forum/Special CrimEx and EMJV Final Conference:

1. **Achievements of the EMJ Programme 2020 - 2023 implemented through Eurojust**
2. **Cross-Mediterranean Strategic documents**
3. **EMJ analysis of the programme impact at national level**
4. **The EMJ VI Phase January 2024 - December 2027**
5. **Statistical data on cross-Mediterranean judicial cooperation**

Eurojust will present its statistics on Eurojust cases involving SPCs, including cases of third States that have seconded a Liaison Prosecutor to Eurojust.

Designation of the participants to attend both meetings

- South Partner Countries will designate three CrimEx members plus one EMJNet contact point if different from CrimEx members
- EU Member States are invited to designate one CrimEx member plus one EMJNet contact point if different from CrimEx member

LANGUAGE - Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Arabic

PARTICIPANTS

- South Partner Countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia)
 - National Focal Points
 - CrimEx Members
- EU Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Romania, Sweden, The Netherlands)
 - National Focal Points
 - CrimEx Members
- Eurojust, EJN Secretariat

EuroMed Justice Programme Team

- Mr. Virgil IVAN-CUCU - Programme Coordinator (Team Leader)
- Mrs. Morgane THEBAULT - Communication Officer
- Mrs. Christina TSIKMAKI - Programme Officer



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Tuesday, 19 September 2023

09.00 – 09.30 REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Moderators:

Mr Zacharias Symeou, Eurojust National Member for Cyprus

Mr Virgil Ivan-Cucu, EMJ Coordinator

09.30 **Welcome, introduction and opening remarks**

Ms Anna Koukkides Prokopiou, Minister of Justice of Cyprus

Ms Yanna Hadjihanna, Attorney of the Republic on behalf of Mr George Savvides, Attorney General of Cyprus

10.00 **Countering smuggling of migrants – within the Mediterranean (1)**

Mr Savvas Stephanides, Deputy Chief of the Aliens and Immigration Office, Cyprus Police and Mr Andreas Georgiades, Cabinet Minister of Interior of Cyprus, Advisor for Migration and Asylum Issues – 30 min

Eurojust Anti-Trafficking team (ATT) - 15 min

CrimEx members' interventions – SPCs - 10 min per country

11.15 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 **Countering smuggling of migrants – within the Mediterranean (2)**

CrimEx members' interventions – SPCs, EUMSs - 10 min per country

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

Chair: Representative of Israel

Vice-chair: Representative of Sweden

14.00 **Achievements of the EMJ Programme 2020 – 2023 implemented through Eurojust**

EMJ assessment - evaluation of the four years of EMJ V advancement - milestones achieved in all four program components: (1) cross-regional mechanism of cooperation – CrimEx, PG Forum, EMJNet; (2) CrimEx Docs; (3) trainings; (4) operational cooperation

14.30 **Cross-Mediterranean Strategic documents**

EMJ Reports on the activities developed to implement the 2022 – 2025 Strategy and Action Plans and the progresses made. EMJ presents the different options for new outputs to be developed in the next years and for continuing the implementation of the Strategy.

15.00 CrimEx invited to comment, provide updates on the achievements of the EMJ Programme, the Action Plans implementation and explore the needs of new Strategic interventions i.e. to cover environmental crime, financial crime and AML-CFT from judicial cooperation perspective – SPCs (Lebanon excused), EUMSs – 10 min per country

15.30 – 15.45 **Coffee Break**

15.45 CrimEx invited to comment, provide updates on the achievements of the EMJ Programme, the Action Plans implementation and explore the needs of new Strategic interventions i.e. to cover environmental crime, financial crime and AML-CFT from judicial cooperation perspective – SPCs (Lebanon excused), EUMSs – 10 min per country



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17.00 End of the first day

Wednesday 20 September 2023

09.00 - 09.30 REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Chair: Representative of Palestine

Vice-chair: Representative of Italy

Moderator: EMJ Coordinator

09.30 **CT Just presentation**

09.40 **CEPOL presentation**

09.40 **EMJ analyse of the Programme impact at national level**

EMJ Team Analysis and the conclusions of the questionnaire addressed to the SPCs on the impact of EMJ Programme (2020-2023) in the respective South Partner Countries.

10.00 CrimEx members invited to comment, provide concrete examples of cooperation, updates and agree on conclusions (*cf. Concept note*)

11.00 – 11.20 **Coffee Break**

11.20 **The EMJ VI Phase January 2024 – December 2027**

4.1 Eurojust will give an update on the preparations for the Next Phase and present the novelties

4.2 EMJ Team will present proposals for priorities, as identified by ROM evaluation Report and the 17 CrimEx during regular sessions in Rome (June 2023)

12.30 CrimEx invited to comment on the priorities of the next phase (*cf. Concept note*)

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00 **Statistical data on cross-Mediterranean judicial cooperation**

EMJ Team will inform on the collection of statistical data on cross-Mediterranean judicial cooperation and next steps in view of presenting the report to the PG Forum

14.15 Eurojust will present its statistics on Eurojust cases involving SPCs, including cases of third States that have seconded a Liaison Prosecutor to Eurojust.

14.30 CrimEx invited to comment on the statistical data presentation

15.00 – 15.20 **Coffee Break**

15.20 **18th CrimEx Conclusions**

16.00 **End of 18th CrimEx**

19.30 **Official Reception Dinner, courtesy of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order of Cyprus.**