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An EU agency governed by national judicial authorities of the EU Member States



Eurojust is home to 'judicial embassies'

- 26 National Members, 1 per EU Member State
- Operational: experienced prosecutors, judges

Employed by the home authority

- 24/7 on call
- Additional staff to handle cases
- Together, the National Members form a **College**

Eurojust offers access to expertise and support

- +220 EU staff: legal expertise and analysis, secure IT systems, meeting facilitation
- Headed by an Administrative Director

Cost effective and demand driven

- Budget: EUR 40 million (2019)
- Practical support to almost 8,000 criminal investigations in 2019 (+17% y increase)
- Eully demand driven

Eurojust's organisational structure



Operational outcomes 2019

SCALE OF THE CHALLENGE

- 11 480 suspects
- 1 485 cases involving organised criminal groups

• € 15.8 bn

worth of damages

• 21 373 victims of crime

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

• 1 093

rapid responses to judicial cooperation requests

1 384 large-scale operations

JUDICIAL COOPERATION TOOLS

1 277 European Arrest Warrants

• 2 146 cases with European Investigation Orders

• 273 joint investigation teams

• 3 746 mutual legal assistance cases

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THB cases at Eurojust per year



Eurojust CMs and CCs held in THB cases



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Joint Investigation Teams (JIT)



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Case example THB

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Stopping the trafficking of women Operations Palma and Leerdam

> Organised crime group is active in trafficking of human beings and money laundering, 2003-2016 Buldarian women are trafficked to the Netherlands

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and Belgium for purposes of sexual exploitation

Two JITs within the framework of two separate international operations:

Operation Palma

& Operation Leerdam



Five parallel investigations result in two Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) within the framework of two separate international operations

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Coordination centres (...)

Operational needs

House/ Quick information exchange of intermediate results/detection of possible issues at judicial level company searches Adapting measures according to the results/issues (e.g. integration LORs/EAWs) → Seizures orders EUROJUST decisional powers of the coordination prosecutors centre Common media strategy (e.g. joint press release) Witness Arrests interviews Eurojust's support via coordination centres ACTION DAY In 2019: Gathering evidence correctly is important for 100th reached successful future court proceedings 10 Criminal justice across borders

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New JITs signed in THB cases (until 30 June 2020)



Involvement of Member States in new JITs dealing with THB (01 Jan 2012 - 30 June 2020)



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