

Secretariat of the European Judicial Network

**Dear colleagues, National Correspondents,
Tool Correspondents, Contact Points and Friends,**

I do not have to tell you what a busy year we have had in the Network and the Secretariat. I recall mentioning in Warsaw that, as a result of the many challenges that we have, as practitioners in judicial cooperation in criminal matters, we have to strive to do more with less. This is so evident, even with two new staff members! That said, I want you to know how grateful we are at the Secretariat for all of the hard work and effort that has been undertaken by the NCs, TCs, CPs and the Presidency Board. We are fortunate to have you, as are your Home Authorities and colleagues in the criminal justice judicial cooperation field.

Rather than give a brief outline of our achievements in chronological order, I want to first mention the 8th biennial Activities and Management Report 2023–2024, which clearly demonstrates the added value and highlights the great work done by the EJN. The Report shows that our CPs reported in excess of 15,300 requests facilitated during the two-year period, including over 4,600 EIO requests and over 1,500 EAWs in which assistance was provided. The Report highlights the extensive work accomplished also outside the EU, whether it be with our close neighbour, the UK, the Western Balkan region or beyond. In fact, having assisted with over 1,000 requests outside the EU is a tremendous achievement given the fact that our CPs carry out their work from their desks, decentralised and too often unrecognised for what you do. We continue to improve the website, engage with our stakeholders in the EU institutions, and work with our partners, such as the EJTN and ERA, to act as a multiplier of training and knowledge. We have had the honour of presenting the Report at CATS (where it received a warm reception), COPEN and, more recently, to EEAS colleagues.

Thanks to you we have had nine Regional and National EJN meetings in the second half of the year. That is more than we have achieved in some full years. You can read the summary below but here I want to share the feedback that we have received regarding these meetings. The

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Secretariat has been highly praised by the organisers of these meetings for the opportunity that the funding provides for Member State CPs to meet, share experiences, identify challenges, search for solutions and provide examples of best practices. These meetings are also so very important as networking opportunities, bringing the Secretariat to meet the CPs and facilitating updates to the website and e-tools. Very often the meetings also provide the occasion for raising awareness of the EJN by the inclusion of non-EJN members in the audience who experience what the EJN CPs do, who they are, how the Network works and why we are so successful.

This November we had one of our largest EJN plenary meetings of many years in Copenhagen. It was attended by 150 participants, organised under the Danish Presidency, and the topics of the workshops were primarily focused on themes concerning organised crime. Apart from our usual institutional partners, we had the privilege of having the Secretary General of the EJTN, Ms. Ingrid Derveaux, Ms. Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems, and Mr. Jovan Peshevski, Director for Legal and Internal Affairs, SELEC/SEEPAC. We, at the Secretariat, are very grateful for the good cooperation, generous hospitality of our hosts and fabulous environment within which the meeting took place.

As usual, I find it a challenge to do justice to and acknowledge all of the events and successes that occurred during the time that this newsletter covers. However, I trust that you will forgive my brevity here as we more fully describe these events below.

Following our increased cooperation with the UNODC and in particular with CASC, and after the appointment of CPs for most of these countries, the EJN was very well represented in Turkmenistan for the CASC meeting held under the auspices of the UNODC in late August.

In September we had the induction meeting of our new CPs at an in-person meeting in The Hague, which coincided with our presentation to COPEN. Other training involved a member of the Secretariat contributing to the EMPRO DG JUST-funded project that you will read about below, and also our TC Training event in November. Just after mid-summer we were also involved in the ECLAN summer school on justice in Brussels. I also had the pleasure of presenting at ERA's Annual Conference on Criminal Law in Malta in November.

The EJN-Eurojust Joint Presidency meeting was held, for the first time in 2 years, at Eurojust, after the EJN Presidency Board meeting and before the National Correspondents' meeting. The NCM itself provided much food for thought on what we can do to improve the service we provide to our stakeholders and practitioners, in particular where we continue to have the challenge of unresponsive and/or underperforming CPs.

The second half of last year has seen both CPs and the Secretariat involved in a multitude of projects and surveys on behalf of our institutional, agency and related bodies who seek the expertise of the Network. This included targeted EIO questionnaires, the 11th Round of Mutual Evaluations for the Council, contributions to the DG HOME survey on drug trafficking and, most recently, a request to assist with the evaluation of the EPPO Regulation. When considered together with the work of our various Working Groups and Sub-Groups, which also made contributions to cooperation with third countries and to the High-Level Forum on the Future of Criminal Justice in the EU, the involvement of the EJN and the attractiveness of our participation in these events clearly demonstrate both the value and the potential benefits of maintaining and strengthening the EJN, both in the MSs and at the Secretariat. I mention this specifically because reference also needs to be made to the many meetings and events to which the EJN and

the Secretariat cannot contribute, despite being invited. Some of these events are highly significant in the field of international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, occurring from Vienna to Bangkok and Japan, but are often beyond our limited human and financial resources.

As we seek to work closely with Eurojust in a complementary fashion, mindful of the importance of the Council Conclusions on cooperation with third countries, and recognising that justice does not stop at borders, we continue our close cooperation with EL PACCTO, the Europe-Latin America Programme of Assistance against Transnational Organised Crime. Following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with AIAMP in May of this year, our participation in REDCOOP (the AIAMP International Criminal Cooperation Network) was kindly facilitated by EL PACCTO in Mexico in October and again in Lisbon this June past. Since signing the MoU, we have seen a significant increase in cooperation and look forward to continued success and further strengthening our collaboration in the future. We have also had the opportunity to work closely with EL PACCTO in the Caribbean and will continue to build strong relationships and trust, further operationalise our partnerships, and enhance awareness and capacity-building with both longstanding and new partners.

I would like to thank not only our partners in projects, institutions, bodies and agencies, but in particular my colleagues here in the Secretariat for all of their efforts and hard work. I mention them by name here so that you may better recognise them: Ele-Marit Eomois, Deyana Dyankova, Anna Baldan, Vasileios Sarigiannidis, Leen De Zutter, Rocio Jimenez and Natalia Ratajczak.

The EJN Secretariat, together with Bilbomatica, continued to enhance the EJN website, and new projects are planned for 2026.

I invite you to read more about these developments in this newsletter. As you will see, it has been another intense twelve months, setting the tone for what is to come. I would like to thank all of you, as well as the entire EJN Secretariat team, for your continued efforts to raise the EJN to even greater heights. Lastly, please remember to log and report your cases!

Wishing you a joyful summer break!

Hugh Dockry

Head of the EJN Secretariat, Secretary to the EJN

Dear Colleagues,

Denmark held the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and the Danish Prosecution Service was delighted to host the 65th Plenary Meeting at the beautiful Eigtveds Pakhus in Copenhagen in November 2025.

We were honoured that Peter Hummelgaard, the Minister for Justice, joined us for the opening of the meeting. In his remarks, he emphasised, among other things, the need to enhance cross-border cooperation and ensure that, when crime moves fast, justice moves even faster.

We were equally pleased to welcome Jan Reckendorff, Director of Public Prosecutions. As he noted in his speech, EJN Contact Points facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters, and close cooperation between the police, prosecutors and judges is essential to bringing perpetrators to justice.

In line with the programme of the Danish Presidency, 'A strong Europe in a changing world', the Danish Prosecution Service chose the following topics for the three workshops at the plenary meeting: combating criminal organisations, crime-as-a-service and crypto-assets. We wanted to give practitioners in the field of judicial cooperation the opportunity to discuss these important topics in depth and to share experiences and best practices.

The discussions were productive and enriching, with many valuable contributions that demonstrated the relevance of these topics.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants for their valuable contributions to the workshop discussions. We were delighted and honoured to welcome you to the meeting.



**Danish
Presidency**
Council of the
European Union

I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the EJN Secretariat for its kind assistance in organising the meeting. We are grateful for the advice and guidance provided throughout our preparations.

Kirstine Trolborg
Danish State Prosecutor

Dear Colleagues,

Under the Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the 66th EJN Plenary Meeting was successfully held in Cyprus on 28-29 May 2026. The meeting brought together a large number of representatives from EU Member States and third countries to discuss the future development of the European Judicial Network, cooperation with third countries and judicial networks, and challenges in the prosecution of environmental crime.



Discussions underscored the importance of strengthening the EJN's institutional and financial autonomy, enhancing digital tools and international cooperation, and supporting the effective implementation of the new EU Environmental Crime Directive.

The Plenary Meeting provided a valuable forum for exchanging practical experiences, strengthening professional networks, and contributing to discussions on improving judicial cooperation in criminal matters across Europe.

Dena Theodorou
Senior Counsel of the Republic of Cyprus
On behalf of the Attorney General

EJN meetings for II half of 2025

EJN Regional and National Meetings, September 2025 – June 2026

of these meetings is to improve the functioning of the EJN Contact Points, strengthen judicial cooperation in general and raise awareness of the EJN.

Each year, the EJN organises regional and national meetings in the Member States. The overall aim

Regional meetings involve Contact Points from three or more Member States and focus on issues

Applicant	Topic of the meeting		
Czech Republic	Evidence gathering in a foreign state. Specific issues related to the recording of monitored conversations of persons and the recovery of data from seized electronic devices	Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland	15-16 September 2025
Belgium	MLA with Spain and Latin American countries	Belgium, Spain	16-17 September 2025
Slovenia	The role of the EJN in promoting excellence in regional judicial cooperation, with a focus on the fight against financial crimes	Austria, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, Germany	17-19 September 2025
Lithuania	The role of EJN in legal cooperation: turning awareness into action	Lithuania	18 September 2025
Finland	To strengthen cooperation with Sweden while applying EU instruments with a special focus on crimes committed on ferries operating between Finland and Sweden	Finland, Sweden	22-23 September 2025
France	The annual meeting of the EJN French Contact Points	France	30 September 2025
Hungary	Migrant smuggling, issues concerning jurisdiction, parallel criminal proceedings, extradition and surrender, transfer of sentenced persons	Austria, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, Serbia	1-3 October 2025
Netherlands	EAWs in combination with TROP requests relating to juvenile offenders; the new TROP Regulation; the national procedure of an EIO; and the temporary transfer of seized documents and goods	Netherlands, Belgium	3 October 2025
Portugal	Practical solutions for a national structure of prosecutors specialised in international cooperation and its functioning; recent legal initiatives in the EU; and practical cases involving the intervention of the EJN and Eurojust	Portugal	9-10 October 2025
Germany	Challenges arising in European Arrest Warrant proceedings in cases of overlapping jurisdiction; special features and challenges in processing transfer requests where the underlying conduct is also punishable under national law	Germany, Austria, France, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom	4-5 May 2026
Hungary	Cybercrime	Hungary, Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Czechia	10-12 June 2026

of particular regional relevance.

National meetings bring together Contact Points in one Member State and representatives of the judiciary to discuss the activities and role of the EJN and to promote the use of the Network. Where possible, the National Members from Eurojust should be invited to participate.

65th EJN Plenary Meeting, Copenhagen, 5-7 November 2025

The [65th Plenary Meeting of the EJN](#) took place in Copenhagen on 6 and 7 November 2025 under the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU, with approximately 150 EJN Contact Points in attendance.

Opening remarks were delivered by the Danish Minister of Justice, Mr Peter Hummelgaard; the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Jan Reckendorff; and Mr Hugh Dockry, Secretary to the European Judicial Network.

The Danish State Prosecutor and Eurojust Representative for Denmark, Ms Kirstine Trolborg, also welcomed the participants.

The core themes discussed by the EJN Contact Points during the three workshops were: combating criminal organisations, crime-as-a-service and crypto-assets.



EJN National Correspondents Meeting, 9 October

On 9 October, the [17th National Correspondents' Meeting of the EJN](#) was held at Eurojust's premises.

The EJN Presidency Board met the day before, on 8 October, as did Eurojust's senior management for a joint meeting, during which matters of common interest were discussed.



Induction meeting for newly appointed Contact Points, 18 September 2025

To prepare them for their new role, the EJN Secretariat held a [hybrid meeting with the newly appointed EJN Contact Points](#).

Eurojust launched social media posts about this event on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



Tool Correspondents' Training, 25-26 November

On 26 November, the EJN Secretariat welcomed [Tool Correspondents](#) to The Hague for a training session to help them work effectively with the EJN website's back office.



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Online grant training, 20 January 2026

The Online Grant Training 2026 was held on 20 January and was attended by 20 EJN Contact Points from several EU Member States.

This hands-on training covered two main topics: (i) how to prepare an application for the co-financing of EJN regional and national meetings, and (ii) how to request reimbursement of the costs incurred once the meeting had taken place.

The training concluded with a highly interactive question-and-answer session, which demonstrated the participants' strong interest in gaining practical knowledge in an informal setting.

47th EJN Regular Meeting, 12 February 2026



The [47th Regular Meeting of the EJN](#) took place on 12 February 2026 in The Hague under the Cypriot EJN Presidency, bringing together approximately 60 EJN Contact Points from EU Member States, EU candidate countries, and EJN associated countries.

25th EJN Tools Correspondents Meeting, 1 April

The [25th Tool Correspondents' Meeting](#) of the EJN, under the Cyprus Presidency, was held on 1 April 2026 at Eurojust premises.



16th EJN Legal English Language Training, 21-24 April 2026

The EJN Secretariat organised the 16th Legal [English Language Training](#) for EJN Contact Points on 22-23 April 2026, which was hosted by the Office of the Prosecutor General in Munich, Germany. The training brought together 30 EJN Contact Points for an intensive, practice-oriented programme focused on strengthening English language legal skills in the context of judicial cooperation.



66th EJN Plenary Meeting of the EJN, Cyprus, 27-29 May 2026

On 28 and 29 May 2026, EJN Contact Points, representatives of EU institutions and judicial cooperation partners gathered in Cyprus for the [66th EJN Plenary Meeting](#), which was dedicated to the future of judicial cooperation in Europe and beyond. See group photo on page 16.

The meeting was opened by Mrs Dena Theodorou, Senior Counsel of the Republic of Cyprus and EJN Contact Point. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr Costas Fitiris, Minister of Justice and Public Order of Cyprus, was unable to attend and was represented by his Deputy Minister. Opening remarks were also delivered by Mr George Savvides, Attorney General of Cyprus, Mr Peter Csonka, Director at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission, and Mr Hugh Dockry, Secretary to the EJN.

The programme featured panel discussions on the future of the EJN, cooperation with non-EU countries and judicial networks, and practical challenges and solutions in judicial cooperation relating to environmental crime.

Participants also took part in three dedicated workshops focusing on:

- the future of the EJN,
- cooperation with non-EU countries and judicial networks, and
- environmental crime.

9th EJN EU-Western Balkans Contact Points Meeting, Tirana, Albania, 9-10 June 2026

On 9 June 2026, the [EJN Contact Points from the Western Balkans and the EU](#) met in Tirana (Albania) for their annual meeting, focusing on strengthening cross-border judicial cooperation, particularly in relation to cross-border surveillance measures, digital evidence, and emerging challenges in international criminal investigations.

Cooperation with third countries and EU candidates

The EJN continued to expand its cooperation with third countries and regional judicial networks while supporting the implementation of the Council of the European Union Council of the European Union [Conclusions on strengthening judicial cooperation with third countries in the fight against organised crime](#), adopted in June 2024.

As part of these efforts, the EJN Secretariat established a dedicated expert group on cooperation with third countries in 2024. Earlier this year, a questionnaire was circulated among Contact Points to identify practical challenges encountered in judicial cooperation with third countries and to support the next phase in the implementation of the Council Conclusions.

Cooperation with regional judicial networks and partner regions also continued to develop:

- In **Latin America and the Caribbean**, the EJN was invited to support discussions on the possible establishment of a Caribbean judicial network inspired by the EJN model and its electronic tools. It was decided to use the existing networks already established in the Caribbean but to further explore recreating tools that the EJN use.
- In **South-East Asia**, new Contact Points were nominated, further strengthening operational cooperation.
- The [9th annual meeting](#) between EJN Contact Points from the EU and the Western Balkans, with a focus on cross-border surveillance and electronic evidence. It was attended by 27 EJN CPs from EU Member States and the **Western Balkans**.
- Efforts also continued to strengthen cooperation with Ukraine and Moldova. An online meeting between Ukrainian authorities and EJN Contact Points took place in April, with the aim of identifying practical

cooperation needs and opportunities.

On 12 March 2026, the EJN Secretariat organised an [online introductory meeting](#) with the two newly appointed EJN Contact Points from the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. The meeting brought together the EJN Secretariat, all Ukrainian EJN Contact Points, and EJN Contact Points from EU Member States to exchange views on the role and activities of the European Judicial Network and to strengthen cooperation between EU Member States and Ukraine.

- The ongoing **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** process relating to the Zero Draft of the Abu Dhabi Declaration for the 2026 Crime Congress was also discussed. In this context, attention was drawn to the fact that, unlike the Kyoto Declaration, the current draft does not explicitly refer to regional and cross-regional practitioner networks that support international judicial cooperation.

Annual Plenary Meeting UNODC-CASC, 11-12 September 2025

The EJN participated in the [Annual Plenary Meeting of the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the South Caucasus](#) (CASC), held on 11-12 September 2025 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

ECLAN Summer School, 30 June to 4 July 2025

For the first time, the EJN was invited by the European Criminal Law Academic Network to participate in its Summer School on “The EU Area of Criminal Justice”. The session took place on 3 July 2025.

The EJN Secretariat was represented by Mr Vasileios Sarigiannidis, Seconded National Expert, who delivered a presentation on judicial cooperation with third countries and the International Criminal Court, alongside Mr Auke Willems, Judicial Cooperation Officer at Eurojust.

The session highlighted the practical cooperation

between the EJN and Eurojust and provided participants with insights into cross-border judicial cooperation and the Network’s role in facilitating effective engagement with non-EU partners.

Cooperation outside of the EU

Introduction

The EJN Secretariat continued to strengthen its cooperation with key EU institutions and actively contributed to several EU policy and legislative initiatives during the reporting period.

Among the main developments:

- Throughout the second half of 2025, the EJN took part in the plenary meetings of the High-Level Forum on the Future of Criminal Justice, launched by the Commission. These meetings brought together both EU Member States and EU actors in the field of criminal justice. In preparation, the subgroup on the Future of Criminal Justice (within the EJN Working Group on the Future of the EJN) met regularly to coordinate and prepare the EJN’s contribution to these meetings.

The High-Level Forum on the Future of EU Criminal Justice, launched by the EU Commission, held four plenary meetings in 2025. The first meeting took place in February to review progress to date and develop a vision for the future of EU criminal law. The Forum considers how the EU can best support criminal justice systems, focusing on both substantive and procedural aspects. Its objective is to shape a common agenda for legislative and non-legislative action over the next five years. EU Member States and various other EU stakeholders, including the EJN, were invited to take part in the meetings.

- The EJN presented the work and activities of the Network before the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home

Affairs (LIBE Committee) of the European Parliament. In addition, for the first time, the European Parliament was represented at the 65th Plenary Meeting of the EJN under the Danish Presidency in November.

- Cooperation with the Council of the European Union and the Council Secretariat continued through participation in COPEN meetings and active involvement in the 11th Regional Meeting.
- Within the framework of consultations launched by Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, the EJN contributed to discussions on the application of the Directive 2014/41/EU and on possible future rules concerning the remote participation of suspects, accused persons and victims in cross-border criminal proceedings. Six National Correspondents and Contact Points contributed to a dedicated questionnaire prepared for the EJN as part of the consultation process.
- Discussions also continued with Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers in relation to the UK assessment of the EJN MLA Standard Form.
- At the invitation of Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, the EJN contributed to the study supporting the evaluation of Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA. Following the stakeholder survey conducted in summer 2025 with the support of the EJN, an online focus group with judicial authorities from Member States was organised to discuss preliminary findings and gather additional practical insights.
- In the context of the evaluation of the European Public Prosecutor's Office Regulation, the European Public Prosecutor's Office requested the assistance of the EJN in disseminating a dedicated survey.

Intervention in the LIBE Committee, 20 May 2026

Hugh participated in the LIBE hearing on “*The*

Future of Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the European Union”, held on 20 April. He delivered a substantive contribution alongside representatives of Eurojust, Europol and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).



COPEN Meeting in Brussels 2025

On 15 December 2025, the EJN Secretariat presented the following items at the COPEN meeting:

- a) Conclusions of the 64th EJN Plenary Meeting (Warsaw, 7–9 May 2025):
 - [Disclosure of electronic evidence by service providers](#)
 - [Cooperation in criminal matters with the United Kingdom](#)
- b) [The 8th Biennial Report on the Activities and Management of the EJN 2023–2024](#)
- c) [Conclusions of the Czech Regional Meeting of EJN Contact Points](#) (Prague, 15–16 September 2025):
 - Cross-border interception
 - Cross-border surveillance
 - Application of the judgment in Case C-548/21

COPEN Meeting in Brussels 2026

On 23 March 2026, the EJN Secretariat presented at the Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in

Criminal Matters (COPEN):

the [meeting report](#) of the [47th Regular Meeting](#) of the European Judicial Network (EJN) (The Hague, 11-12 February 2026). The main subjects covered were updates from the Member States, EJN in judicial training, the e-Evidence preparation, JUDEX, the Eurojust Regulation and key activities for 2026.

At the [latest meeting of the COPEN](#), which took place on 29 June, Hugh Dockry, Head of the EJN Secretariat, presented the following items:

a) the [conclusions of the 65th Plenary meeting](#) of the EJN, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, relating to the topics of combatting criminal organisations, crime as a service and crypto assets.

b) the [Report on the Future of the EJN](#), which was discussed during the 66th Plenary meeting of the EJN in Limassol, Cyprus, was presented. The report explores ways to ensure that the EJN remains well equipped to respond to evolving forms of cross-border crime and the changing needs of judicial practitioners. It considers opportunities to further strengthen the Network's role, improve its tools and services, and enhance synergies with other actors in the European judicial cooperation landscape.

Whilst in Brussels, Hugh used the opportunity to meet with the Irish Permanent Representation to discuss preparations for the Irish Presidency.

[Targeted consultation on European Investigation Order \(EIO\)](#)

The European Commission has launched a targeted consultation on the application of Directive 2014/41/EU on the EIO and on possible new rules concerning the remote participation of suspects, accused persons and victims in criminal proceedings.

As part of this process, six experienced EJN National Correspondents and Contact Points were selected

to complete a questionnaire specifically designed for the EJN, while a separate questionnaire was circulated to Member States. This approach ensures that the practical perspectives and experiences of EJN practitioners are reflected alongside national contributions.

Participants were invited to return the completed questionnaire by Friday 28 November 2025 to the Commission.

[E-Evidence Package](#)

In the context of implementing the e-Evidence Package, the European Judicial Network (EJN) has specific publication obligations under Regulation (EU) 2023/1543 and Directive (EU) 2023/1544. These instruments establish distinct notification regimes involving different actors, timelines and procedures. The Regulation provides for a Commission-led notification and publication process, while the Directive introduces a decentralised system involving service providers, supported by a Commission-managed tool and direct transmission to the EJN. Preserving this distinction is essential for the effective implementation of the package.

During the 25th Tool Correspondents' Meeting, held in The Hague on 1 April 2026, the EJN Secretariat presented a high-level analysis document providing practical guidance on the adjustments required to the EJN website and related tools following the adoption of the e-Evidence Package. Preparations for implementation are now underway. The document sets out how and where relevant information should be integrated into existing EJN tools (Judicial Library, the dedicated e-Evidence area, and Fiches Belges), ensuring that practitioners can easily access accurate and up-to-date information for the practical application of the new instruments.

Meanwhile, the EJN Secretariat has created a new generic mailbox to centralize notifications from Member States concerning the e-Evidence Package, in anticipation of increased operational needs

in the coming months. The new email address is: ejn.e-evidence@eurojust.europa.eu. It is now operational and may be used by Member States and the Commission for transmitting notifications in the context of fulfilling the publication obligations laid down in the e-Evidence legislation (both the Directive and the Regulation).

Revision of the Eurojust Regulation and EIO Directive proposed



On 24 June 2026, the European Commission published a [proposal to revise the Eurojust Regulation](#), proposing new measures to strengthen the EU's response to an evolving criminal landscape.

The proposal forms part of a broader legislative package, which also includes proposals to [revise the European Investigation Order \(EIO\) Directive](#), the Europol Regulation, together with several amendments to the data protection framework.

The proposals will now be examined by the European Parliament and the Council before the revised instruments can be adopted and enter into force.

The outcome of this process remains particularly relevant for the future framework governing cooperation between Eurojust and the EJN, including provisions relating to the role and functioning of the EJN.

Cooperation with EMPRO Project

The EJN Secretariat took part in three national EMPRO Project roundtables organised in Belgium (2 October 2025), France (27 October 2025) and Romania (28 October 2025). The EMPRO Project is EU-funded and focuses on the implementation

of Framework Decisions 2008/947/JHA and 2009/829/JHA through EU Probation Services.

The presentations focused on the EJN's role in facilitating judicial cooperation in criminal matters and demonstrated the use of the EJN website and its practical e-tools, including the Atlas, Compendium, Fiches Belges and Judicial Library. These tools support judicial practitioners in handling cross-border cases efficiently and applying mutual recognition instruments in practice.

The EMPRO roundtables brought together probation officers, legal practitioners, policymakers and other experts to share national experiences, identify challenges and formulate recommendations to improve the understanding and application of Framework Decisions 2008/947/JHA and 2009/829/JHA within the European Union.

The EJN Secretariat also participated in the EMPRO Knowledge Exchange Symposium hosted by the Academy of European Law (ERA) in Trier on 28-29 January 2026. The event brought together practitioners, policymakers and researchers to reflect on the implementation of EU Framework Decisions in the field of probation and supervision.

For more information about the project, visit the [EMPRO project website](#).



Cooperation with the EJTN

The EJN, in cooperation with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), is launching a Joint Training of Trainers Programme on the EU e-Evidence Legislative Package, which will commence in 2027.

The programme forms part of a joint EJN-EJTN initiative supporting the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2023/1543 and Directive (EU) 2023/1544 on electronic evidence. It reflects

the shared commitment of both organisations to strengthening judicial cooperation, promoting the consistent application of EU law, enhancing judicial training across the European Union, and raising awareness of the digitalisation of justice in line with the objectives of the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030.

The programme aims to equip selected EJN Contact Points with advanced legal and practical expertise on the EU e-Evidence framework, enabling them to act as trainers within their respective national judicial training systems. Through this multiplier approach, participants will contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and good practices at the national level.

Interested EJN Contact Points are invited to notify their EJN National Correspondent, in accordance with the call for volunteers circulated by the EJN Secretariat.

2026 EJTN General Assembly held in Limassol, Cyprus

The [2026 General Assembly of the European Judicial Training Network \(EJTN\)](#) took place on 18-19 June 2026 in Limassol, Cyprus. The event was hosted by the Cyprus Judicial Training School under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The EJN was represented at the General Assembly by Hugh, who participated in the discussions and exchanged views with representatives of judicial training institutions and partner organisations on matters of common interest, including the continued strengthening of judicial cooperation across Europe. During the meeting, he also presented the joint EJN-EJTN Train-the-Trainer initiative on e-evidence, highlighting ongoing cooperation between the two networks in this field.

EJN products

EJN Activity Report 2023-2024

The EJN Secretariat proudly presents the [8th Biennial Report](#) on Activities and Management of the EJN for the years 2023-2024.

The report provides an overview of the support provided by EJN Contact Points to national judicial authorities in cross-border requests for judicial cooperation, including case examples from the reporting period. It also highlights the added value the Network brings to judicial cooperation within the EU and beyond.

Over these two years, the focus was placed on cooperation between EU Member States and EJN-supported practitioners in the application of various EU legal instruments.

During the reporting period, EJN Contact Points facilitated cooperation in a wide range of cases. Key highlights include:

- 15,376 EJN cases reported by EJN Contact Points
- 1,513 European Arrest Warrants (EAWs) facilitated by EJN Contact Points
- 4,612 European Investigation Orders (EIOs) facilitated by EJN Contact Points
- 425 freezing and confiscation orders involving the EJN

The report also reflects on the added value of the EJN website in the context of the digitalisation of justice. Over the past two years, the EJN has continued to enhance its website and online tools



to better support judicial authorities in their daily work.

The EJN has intensified its cooperation with third countries, in particular in the Western Balkans, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Southeast Asia, as well as with EU institutions and agencies.

The EJN report has been presented at the CATS meeting of 25 November and at the COPEN meeting in December. The report is available on the EJN website, together with the [previous biennial reports](#).

EJN promotional materials

Desk calendars for 2026, highlighting the main EJN meetings, have been produced.

Desk stands featuring QR codes linking to EJN tools on the EJN website are also available.

In addition, the Secretariat is in the process of ordering further promotional materials and can provide a package for regional or national meetings upon request.

Additional copies of EJN promotional materials may be requested and will be sent by post.

New Judicial Library launched

The new EJN Judicial Library front- and back-office system was deployed in the test environment and launched in November/December 2025. The system was tested, including external security testing. The upgraded Library/Registry is fully operational as of February 2026. The EJN Secretariat would be glad if you could share your feedback on your experience with the re-vamped tool.

What is new?

- New design

- Enhanced back-office management
- Improved search functionality
- Updated data protection compliance features
- Integration of the Library and Registry with existing tools (Atlas, Compendium, etc.)
- Integration of the EJN Newsletter and updates for Contact Points
- Full review of implementation status

New projects in 2026

- Cooperation with partners, judicial networks and non-EU countries (phase II): analysis and development of a list of contact persons for partners, judicial networks and non-EU countries. The previous list of contact persons is currently disabled for data protection reasons.
- Reporting Tool (phase II): integration with other EJN tools (Atlas, Compendium, etc.) to facilitate and improve reporting by EJN Contact Points.

New infographics on the use of EPOC and EPOC-PR now available

Two new infographics on the use of the European Production Order Certificate (EPOC) and the European Preservation Order Certificate (EPOC-PR) have been uploaded to the e-Evidence area and the Electronic Evidence section of the EJN Judicial Library on the EJN website.

- [Infographic on the use of EPOC and EPOC-PR](#)
- [Infographic on the key actors offering practical support in the use of EPOC and EPOC-PR](#)

These infographics aim to raise awareness among practitioners of the future role of Eurojust and other stakeholders, such as the EJN, EJCEN and the SIRIUS Project, in the implementation of the new legal instruments. They also help practitioners identify potential challenges for which they may seek support from these actors.

EJN Working Groups on the future of the EJN

Overview of the current situation:

Subgroup on Legislation

The EJN Secretariat announced that it will present a draft legislative act introducing significant updates to the structure and functioning of the Network. The proposal will include measures to modernise and streamline EJN operations, support its expansion, and enhance cooperation with other judicial cooperation partners, while also addressing the urgent training needs of practitioners and other emerging challenges. The new instrument will be based on the findings of the Subgroup on Legislation and on input from the other subgroups.

Subgroup on Judicial Training

Following the circulation of a questionnaire to EJN Contact Points aimed at identifying judicial training needs, and based on 73 responses received, a comprehensive scoreboard was prepared highlighting key needs and priority areas. Building on these findings, the EJN Secretariat prepared a draft action plan for the organisation of future training activities and cooperation with relevant training entities, taking into account all feedback received from practitioners. The draft action plan was subsequently shared with members of the Subgroup, who provided additional comments and suggestions. The action plan is currently being finalised and will serve as a basis for future discussions and initiatives aimed at ensuring that judicial training across the EU continues to respond to the practical needs of practitioners.

Subgroup on the Functioning of the EJN

The discussions launched at the 46th Regular meeting of the EJN in February 2025 and in the 17th National Correspondents meeting in October 2025, aimed at identifying the key challenges with regard to the functioning of the EJN. Further, the

discussions during the 64th Plenary Meeting of the EJN in Warsaw under the Polish Presidency in May 2025 highlighted that the EJN continues to be recognised by practitioners and EU stakeholders as an informal, flexible, decentralised and cost-effective instrument for judicial cooperation. The subgroup builds on these discussions over the last 1,5 years.

This subgroup will also develop a communication strategy for the EJN.

Other subgroups to be launched

Subgroup on EJN Governance, Subgroup on EJN–Eurojust Cooperation, and Subgroup on the Future of EU Criminal Justice.

Contact Points leaving and receiving

Farewell to...

Georges OSWALD, EJN Contact Point for Luxembourg

Dear colleagues and friends,

I am writing to inform you that my time as an EJN contact point will come to an end on 30 November 2025, as I will be retiring on 1 December.

I met my colleagues for the first time at the plenary meeting held in Sesimbra, near Lisbon, from 26 to 28 June 2000, during the Portuguese Presidency.

It is with a heavy heart that I leave this position. Over the years, I have been able to support my colleagues in Luxembourg and abroad in cases where proceedings were blocked for practical or legal reasons. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many enthusiastic and competent colleagues in the field of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, all committed to facilitating and expediting cooperation in the fight against all forms of serious crime.

What's more, I have been able to forge genuine friendships over the past 25 years. This has always been a defining strength of the Network, as it goes hand in hand with the trust the Contact Points place in one another – trust that is essential to the EJN's effectiveness.

I would therefore like to thank you all for your trust, professionalism and responsiveness over the years.

I am leaving the EJN with a mixture of sadness and confidence, knowing that my colleagues Ernest Nilles and Olivier Lenert will do much better than I have done, and that the EJN will gain an extremely competent and cheerful colleague in my successor, Martine Kraus (martine.kraus@justice.etat.lu, +352 47 59 81-2453), an investigating magistrate at the District Court of Luxembourg.

I thank you all, Contacts Points and Secretariat, for everything the EJN has given me. I wish you all the best for the future.

Long live the EJN!

*Mat beschte Gréiss / Meilleures salutations /
Freundliche Grüsse / Kind regards,*

Georges Oswald

Procureur d'Etat

Point de contact du Réseau Judiciaire Européen

Marzenna Monwid-Olechnowicz

Dear colleagues,

As of June 5th, my email address marzenna.monwid@prokuratura.gov.pl will no longer be valid. after 46 years of work as a prosecutor.



These meetings of our Network, the conversations and the correspondence were the most wonderful and enjoyable moments of my work as a prosecutor. Thank you all for your cooperation.

*The new version of my life
on the roads of Europe:*

*The best wishes for all and
see you soon!*



Marzenna Monwid-Olechnowicz

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Tuuli Eerolainen, EJN National Correspondent for Finland and EJN Presidency Board member

The EJN Secretariat would like to express its gratitude to Ms Tuuli Eerolainen, EJN National Correspondent for Finland and EJN Presidency Board member, for her dedication to the work of the EJN. We would like to wish Tuuli all the best in her future endeavours and a happy, well-deserved retirement.



Tribute to Thomas Lamiroy

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Tom Lamiroy on 15 June at the age of 70.

Tom served as the correspondent for many years. During that time, he was deeply committed to the Network and would never have missed a meeting for anything in the world. With a keen understanding of human relationships and a wonderful sense of humour, he was a skilled diplomat who forged strong professional ties across the Network.



Welcome to...

National Correspondent for Finland
Sampsa Hakala (he)

National Correspondent for Ireland
Jack X. McGarry

National Correspondent for Italy
Allegra Migliorini

National Correspondent for Poland
Joanna Jackowska

We thank Dominika Surowiec for contributing to the work of the EJN as EJN National correspondent until March 2026.

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Upcoming meetings

23 September 2026
6th Induction Meeting for newly appointed CPs

8 October 2026
18th National Correspondents Meeting

5 November
Tools Correspondents' Training 2026

25-27 November 2026
67th Plenary Meeting of the EJN (Ireland)



EJN Plenary meeting in Cyprus

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