

## EJN National Meetings 2011-2015

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04-Oct-11	The Netherlands	Utrecht	Ministry of Security and Justice, DJI (The Custodial Agency), OM (The Prosecutors Office), 3RO (Probation Agencies), KMAR (Border Police), AIRS (the present Agency within the Ministry that process transfer cases), ZM (the Council for Magistrates), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CJIB (an agency that supports the work processes of several justice organisations).	<b>Simulation of the Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA</b>	The aim of this meeting was to simulate on a national scale the complete process of mutual recognition and transfer of criminal judgments concerning prisoners with all national partners involved. During the meeting several fictive cases were processed by all the official authorities and organizations relevant for each specific case. Both processes for incoming and departing prisoners were tested as well as the fictive contact (and the possible cooperation issues) with the other Member States.
11-Oct-11	The Netherlands	Utrecht	Ministry of Security and Justice, OM (The Prosecutors Office), 3RO (Probation Agencies), ZM (the Council for Magistrates), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CJIB (an agency that supports the work processes of several justice organizations).	<b>Simulation of Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA</b>	This aim of the meeting was to simulate on a national scale the complete process of mutual recognition and transfer of criminal judgments concerning alternative sanctions with all national partners involved. During the meeting several fictive cases were processed by all the official authorities and organizations relevant for each specific case. Key element in the meeting was 'transposition/translation' of national sanctions in to sanctions applicable in the member state performing the supervision on the transferred probation. Another key element was the interaction and sharing of information between the relevant organizations.

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17-20 Oct 2011	Spain	Aguilas (Murcia)	General Council for the Judiciary, Ministry of Justice, Spanish Network of Specialized Prosecutors in the field of international legal Assistance, Spanish Network of Specialized Court Registrars, Spanish LM in Morocco, LMs to ES from FR, IT and Morocco, INTERPOL, ES National Member to EUROJUST	<b>EAW; Updating of the "Prontuario"; Instruments of mutual recognition in criminal matters within the EU</b>	The XI annual meeting comprised common activities to both civil and criminal division of the Spanish Judicial Network and also specific activities to each division. The first and last joint sessions for the members of the networks and other participants were devoted to the presentation of the agenda, outcome of the workshops and the joint conclusions. With regard to criminal justice, four workshops were held on the following topics: EAW, updating of the <i>prontuario</i> : templates and new instruments, new layout of the <i>prontuario</i> , and on mutual recognition instruments.
12-13 May 2012	Finland	Helsinki	Ministry of Justice, court system, prosecution and National Bureau of Investigation, Finnish National Desk of Eurojust	<b>Meeting of the Finnish EJN Contact Points</b>	The meeting was a third national meeting of Finnish Contact Points since 2008. The aim of the meeting was to provide a platform for networking and to update the participants on daily issues.

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10-12 Oct 2012	Romania	Sibiu	National authorities, EJN Secretariat	<b>Implementing Framework Decisions 2008/947/JHA and 2008/909/JHA into national law</b>	The main topics on the agenda were the two Council Framework Decisions that were soon to be implemented by Romania. It was concluded that the application of the 2008/909/JHA would bring an added value to the already existing legal framework, from the perspective of the application of the principle of MR of judgments in criminal matters in the field of transfer of sentenced persons. The debates on the application of FD 2008/947/JHA were centred on the correspondence between the probation measures regulated by the FD and the ones existing in the national legislation. It was concluded that for that moment the application field would be quite limited, since RO Criminal Code did not include all the probation measures and alternative sanctions in the FD.
28-Sep-12	United Kingdom	London	IT, ES, UK Central Authority (UKCA), the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), the Crown Office (for Scotland), the Crown Dependencies (the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey), UK Liaison Magistrates to France, UK National Desk of Eurojust.	<b>Improving cohesion between UK EJN Contact Points; Increasing understanding of EJN and the role of Contact Points; MLA issues in the UK</b>	The aim of the meeting was three-fold: to improve cohesion between UK EJN Contact Points, to increase understanding about the EJN and the role of CP, and to facilitate discussion of MLA issues in the UK. During the first part of the meeting it was discussed on how to improve the functioning of EJN internally. The afternoon session was linked to more general MLA discussion and discussions relevant to non-Contact Point members of the CPs.

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12-Oct-12	Belgium	Brussels	National Network on International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, EJM Secretariat, EU Presidency	<b>EJN Contact Points' meeting with contact points from National Network on International Cooperation in Criminal matters</b>	The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of the functions and tools of the EJM and to provide availability for the Contact Points of both networks to interact and consequently enhance judicial cooperation. The content of Belgian <i>Fiches Belges</i> was discussed as well as practical use of EJM legal instruments e.g. national law implementing EU legislation in practice.
12-13 May 2014	Germany	Berlin	FR, AT, PL, EJM Secretariat, IBERRED, EUROJUST	<b>15th Annual meeting of the German EJM Contact points and 3rd Annual Berlin-regional meeting</b>	The aim of the meeting was to provide a platform for networking and to update the participants on daily practical issues relevant to EJM Contact Points.
11-12 Sep 2014	Romania	Bucharest	RO National Desk of Eurojust	<b>European Judicial Network and Eurojust: consultation and complementarity</b>	The purpose was to facilitate and enhance cooperation between the EJM contact points and Romanian national desk at Eurojust, and of both EJM and Eurojust with the national judges and prosecutors. The roles of EJM and Eurojust were explained to the participants in order to stimulate their cooperation. A particular attention was paid to the relation between EJM and Eurojust in order to assess their particularities and complementarity from the operational point of view.

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10-Nov-15	France	Paris	National authorities, French LMs	<b>5th meeting of the French EJN Contact Points</b>	The aim of the 5th annual meeting of French EJN Contact Points was to gather the EJN Contact Points and representatives from other judicial authorities as well as Liaison Magistrates, including those with an experience outside the EU. Previous meetings of French EJN Contact Points had taken place in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. During the meeting daily business of EJN Contact Points and the functioning of the EJN (including the tools on the EJN website) were discussed. Also, the role of different actors in the field of judicial cooperation was presented in a tour de table. Finally, discussions took place on the state of play of national legal instruments with regard to judicial cooperation of criminal matters.
24-25 Sep 2014	Portugal	Lisbon	Coordinators of the new territorial jurisdictions	<b>National Meeting of the EJN Portuguese Contact Points</b>	It was concluded that the judicial training on MR instruments is highly important for the practitioners as judicial cooperation should be identified as part of their daily work. Bodies like EJN should be used as a way to identify and solve previous and actual problems related to issuing and execution the requests. In this respect practical information made available by EJN, contributes to good progress of the judicial cooperation. Also, in order to take into account peculiarities in the regions, local contact points should also get specialized training and consequently could be able to assist the local judicial authorities. Finally, the identification of Contact Points in the Courts of Appeal should also be considered.

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21- 23 Oct 2015	Bulgaria	Batak	EJN Secretariat, International operational directorate in Ministry of Interior – Interpol and Schengen, network of judges for international legal cooperation in criminal matters, Eurojust and prosecutors from International Department at Supreme cassation prosecution office	<b>Regular national meeting of EJN Contact Points together with the Internal network among prosecutors for mutual legal assistance in the prosecution office</b>	Meeting focused on raising the awareness of the EJN and its operational tools among the members of the Internal prosecutor's network for international legal cooperation. During the meeting also the role and the functions of the ENCS in the cooperation between Eurojust were presented. Best practices between CPs were discussed in practical cases of judicial cooperation e.g. the criteria how to choose one of the legal instruments in the daily work on the field of mutual legal assistance in criminal cases. Overall, it was agreed that the EJN website will be updated regularly, all the prosecutors from the internal network have to know how to work "in deep" with the EJN website and the tools to give support to all other prosecutors around the country; CP attending Plenary meetings will be expected to prepare a summary note of the meeting to circulate amongst CP; and they must inform all the members if the Internal network for the new trends, legal tools and best practices of EJN.