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# **Eurojust**

**The European Union's Judicial  
Cooperation Unit**

**What is Eurojust?**

# An agency of the European Union



European Monitoring Centre  
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



European Environment Agency



EUROPEAN  
DEFENCE  
AGENCY



## ... coordinating investigation and prosecution in criminal cases

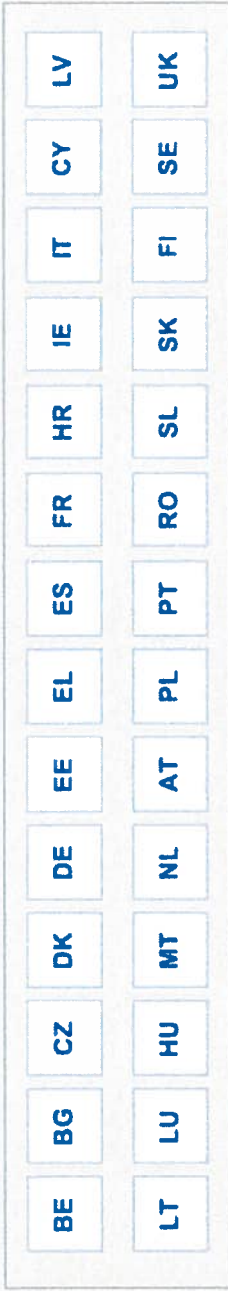
Eurojust's Mission: to stimulate and improve the coordination of investigations and prosecutions among the competent judicial authorities of the European Union Member States when they deal with serious cross-border and organised crime.

# Eurojust's Organisation

- College
  - 28 National Members in The Hague, one from each EU Member State
  - experienced prosecutors, judges, or police officers of equivalent competence
  - supported by Deputies, Assistants or Seconded National Experts
- Administration
  - Headed by Administrative Director

**COLLEGE**

**ADMINISTRATION**



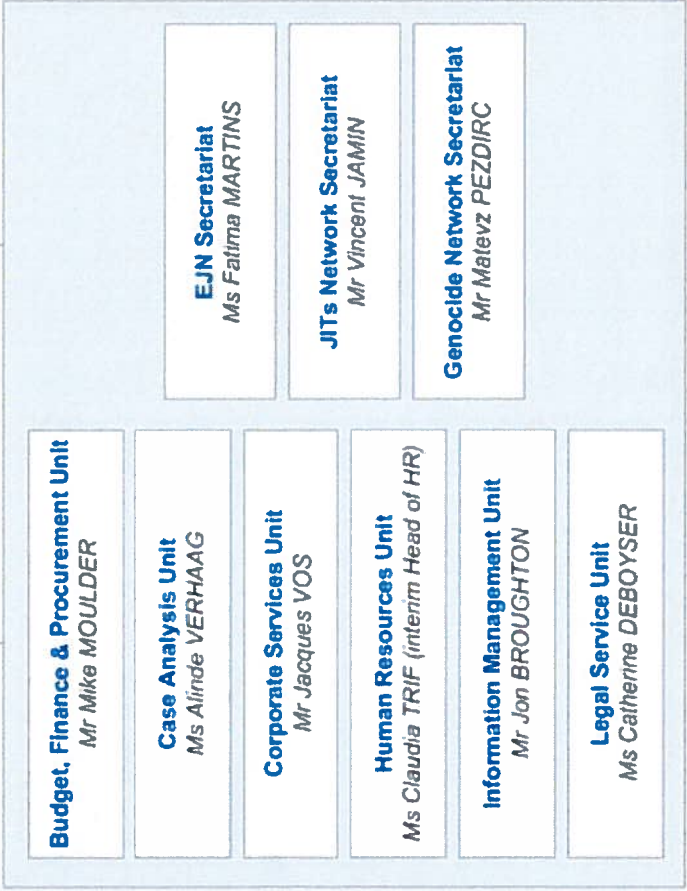
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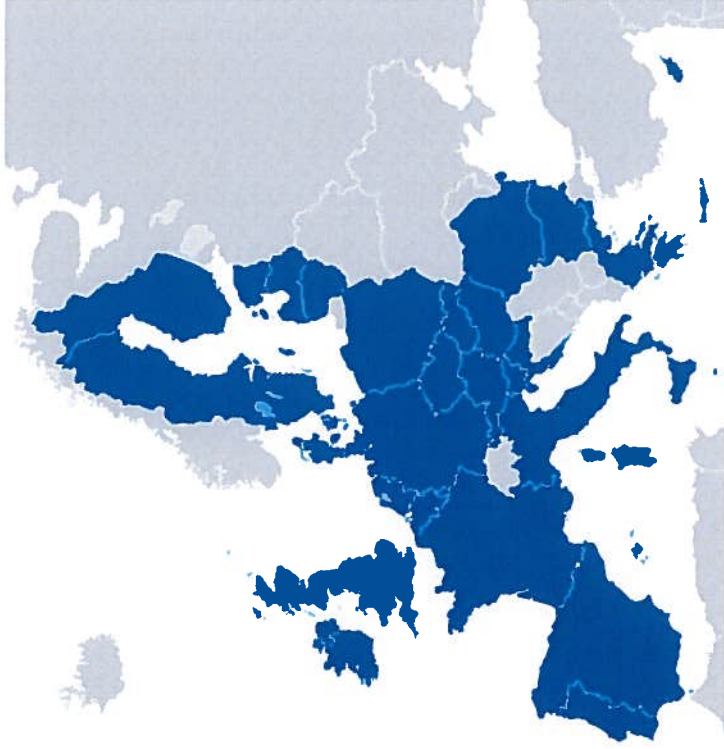
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**Eurojust - Why?**



# European Union - Freedom of Movement



28 Member States

>500 million inhabitants

- Free movement of
  - Goods
  - People
  - Services
  - Capital
- Schengen area: no border control
- Eurobarometer: 10% of persons in EU had lived and worked in another country at some point in the past, 17% intended to do so in the future
- Cheap and fast travel
- Internet, connectivity



## The dark side of Freedom of Movement



Easier movement of:

- Illegal goods (drugs, weapons, counterfeit products)
- People (human trafficking)
- Services (corruption, fraud)
- Capital (money laundering, financing of terrorism)

Limitations for national police, prosecutors

- Jurisdiction ends at the borders of the Member State(s)
- 30 different legal systems (+ the EU's): cooperation is difficult

EU budget and financial interests also need protection – no EU police, no EU prosecutor

**What can Eurojust do?**

# Eurojust's powers

- ask the authorities of a Member State to (consider):
  - investigate or prosecute specific acts;
  - accept that one Member State may be in a better position to undertake an investigation or to prosecute specific acts;
  - coordinate between Member States;
  - set up a Joint Investigation Team;
  - provide Eurojust with necessary information.
- ensure that the Member States inform each other about relevant investigations and prosecutions
- assist in ensuring the best possible coordination of investigations and prosecutions

# Eurojust's competences

- terrorism
- drug trafficking
- trafficking in human beings
- illegal immigrant smuggling
- trafficking in nuclear and radioactive substances
- vehicle crime
- counterfeiting and forgery
- money laundering
- computer crime
- fraud, corruption and financial crime
- environmental crime
- participation in a criminal organisation
- other serious forms of international crime
- **other offences committed with any of the above**

# A case for Eurojust

- organised group smuggling counterfeited cigarettes to EU (6 Member States involved)
- Taxes not paid: over € 1,300,000
- Eurojust is asked for assistance and provides:
  - Expertise in judicial cooperation (check official requests)
  - Coordination of actions in the Member States (arrests, searches)
  - Secure communication lines
  - Financial, technical and analytical support
- Result: convictions, cash and assets seized, fines

# Operational meetings

Level I operational meeting



28 National Members

Level II operational meeting



Concerned National Members

Level III operational meeting



Concerned National Members  
plus judicial and/or police authorities of concerned  
Member States

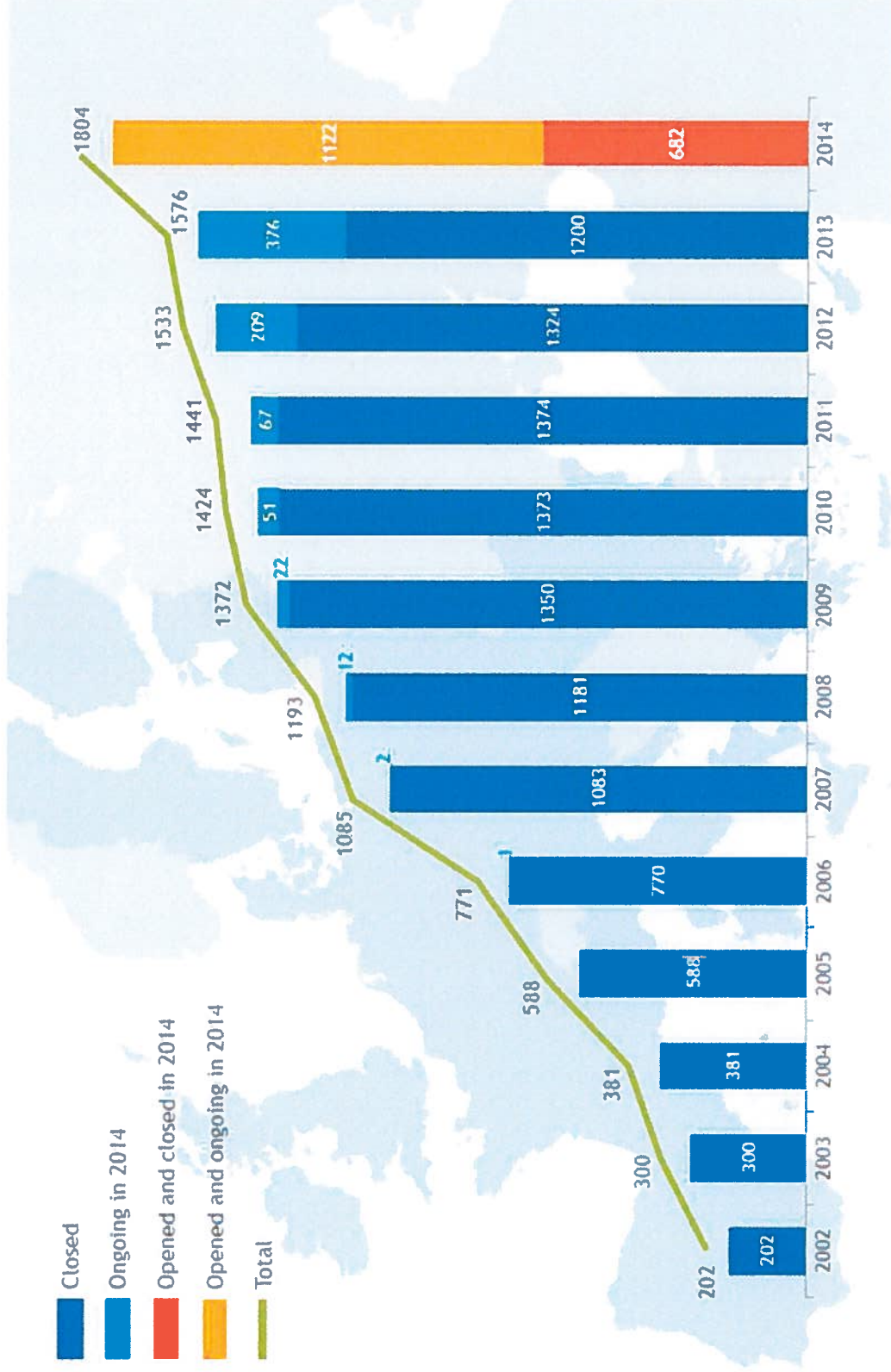


# Coordination meeting with interpretation



# Statistics

# Case evolution 2002 - 2014



# Coordination meetings

2014:	197
2015 (Jan-Sept)	190

# Eurojust growing





## Tampere European Council, October 1999

**To reinforce the fight against serious organised crime, the European Council has agreed that a unit (EUROJUST) should be set up: “composed of national prosecutors, magistrates, or police officers of equivalent competence, detached from each Member State according to its legal system ....”**



# Treaty of Nice, 2001

The Council shall encourage cooperation through Eurojust by:

- (a) enabling Eurojust to facilitate proper coordination between Member States' national prosecuting authorities;
- (b) promoting support by Eurojust for criminal investigations in cases of serious cross-border crime, particularly in the case of organised crime, taking account, in particular, of analyses carried out by Europol;
- (c) facilitating close cooperation between Eurojust and the European Judicial Network, particularly, in order to facilitate the execution of letters rogatory and the implementation of extradition requests.

# Lisbon Treaty, 2008

Eurojust's mission shall be to support and strengthen coordination and cooperation between national investigating and prosecuting authorities in relation to serious crime affecting two or more Member States or requiring a prosecution on common bases, on the basis of operations conducted and information supplied by the Member States' authorities and by Europol.

In order to combat crimes affecting the financial interests of the Union, the Council, by means of regulations adopted in accordance with a special legislative procedure, may establish a European Public Prosecutor's Office from Eurojust.

**Eurojust connecting**

# Cooperation Agreements

Europol  
Norway  
Iceland  
USA  
Croatia  
EJTN  
OLAF  
Swiss Confederation  
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYROM)  
Iber-Red  
CEPOL  
UNODC  
European Commission  
Liechtenstein  
INTERPOL  
FRONTEX  
Moldova  
EMCDDA  
**OHIM**



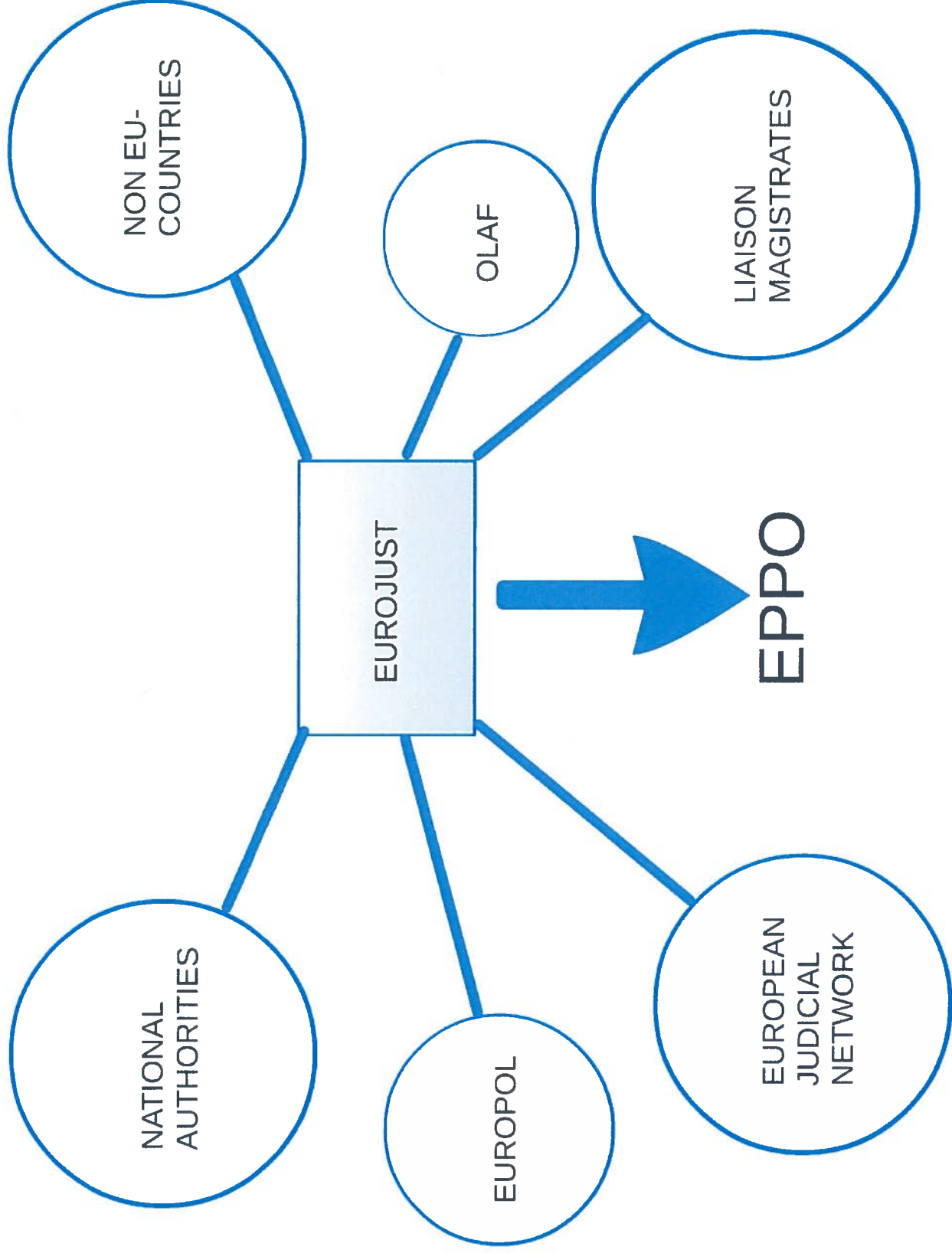
# Liaison Prosecutors

USA

Norway

Switzerland

# Partners of Eurojust





# The European Judicial Network

A Swedish prosecutor wishes to have a house search executed in Portugal.  
What to do next?



**European Judicial Network (EJN)**  
Réseau Judiciaire Européen (RJE)

**Particulars about the mutual recognition instruments**

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**Consult the EJN Website!**  
**<http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu/ejn/>**