



Call for Papers

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eucrim is a well-established open access online journal (with print copies of issues available) that serves as European-wide forum for all related aspects to the EU's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. The protection of the EU's financial interests is considered a pilot for the journal since this area has strongly contributed to the European integration in the field of „criministative“ justice over the last decades. By its article section, **eucrim** encourages the discussion among both legal practitioners and academics. These articles are organised under a focal topic and include scientific and policy analyses.

In 2026, **eucrim** will celebrate its 20th anniversary. To mark this occasion, the **eucrim** editorial board has decided to dedicate each issue to reviewing one of the main pillars of European "criministative" law. Authors are invited to reflect on the developments in a specific topic/aspect over the last 20 years as well as on possible perspectives in the future.

Below is an overview of the focal topics of the upcoming issues and the submission deadlines for articles. Please note that the detailed list of possible items that could be addressed in articles is only indicative and by no means exhaustive. Any other suggestions from authors are welcome.

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eucrim 2026: Overview Topics and Timing			
Issue	Focus	Possible topics that could be addressed by authors	Submission by
1/2026	20 Years of eucrim – 20 years of Procedural Safeguards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedural safeguards in punitive administrative proceedings Procedural safeguards in investigations/operations of supranational institutions, e.g. OLAF, EPPO, Europol The procedural rights directives – development, assessment, future EU procedural rights agenda 2.0 Digitalisation and impact on defence rights Digital rights / Data protection in the area of freedom, security and justice ECHR and criminal justice 	30 March 2026
2/2026	20 Years of eucrim – 20 Years of Harmonisation of Substantive Criminal Law and Punitive Sanctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stocktaking of approximation of substantive criminal law and punitive sanctions Achievements through the harmonisation of national criminal law systems Competence of the EU for harmonisation of criminal law and punitive sanctions Evolution of "eurocrimes" and perspectives "Criministative" law protection of the EU's financial interests Impact and evaluation of the PIF Directive Harmonisation of the general part of criminal law 	15 May 2026

3/2026	20 Years of eucrim – 20 Years of Law Enforcement Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mutual recognition as the cornerstone of judicial cooperation in the EU – development, snapshots, perspectives Instruments of mutual legal assistance in Europe (CoE and EU) Evaluation of cooperation instruments, e.g. European Arrest Warrant, European Investigation Order, "Framework Decision 909" Specific forms of cooperation and achievements, e.g. Joint Investigation Teams The cooperation scheme in the EPPO Regulation – review and challenges 	15 Sept 2026
4/2026	20 Years of eucrim – 20 Years of Institutions in the AFSJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of the institutional framework of anti-fraud actors and Justice & Home Affairs Agencies, e.g. OLAF, EPPO, Europol, Eurojust, and AMLA Evaluation of the frameworks and way forward Horizontal and vertical cooperation – forms and challenges Cooperation with third countries and international bodies Institutions at the CoE shaping European criminal justice 	30 Nov 2026

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