

Allocation of Cases to Eurojust and to EJM



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On 5 November 2019, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network (EJM) published a [joint report](#) with the aim of assisting practitioners in determining whether a case should be directed to Eurojust or to the EJM.

The report outlines the following items:

- Criteria for assessing which agency should deal with a request for assistance;
- Use of the updated 2018 [Joint Paper](#) on the EJM and Eurojust “What can we do for you?” for redirecting cases;
- Steps to be taken upon receipt of a request from national authorities when it appears to be better suited to the another’s competence;
- Steps to be taken by a national desk at Eurojust upon receipt of a request from another national desk that appears to better fall under the EJM’s competence;
- Existence of national rules preventing the national desks at Eurojust from redirecting a case to the EJM once the case has been opened at Eurojust;
- Steps to be taken when a request has been addressed to both a national desk at Eurojust and an EJM contact point;
- Use of the Eurojust National Coordination System for case-distribution purposes;
- Added value of the EJM-Eurojust double-hat function to the distribution of cases;
- Liaison between the national desks at Eurojust and EJM contact points, with a view to reaching a common approach on complementarity;
- Best practices.

The report highlights that the assessment of whether a request should be dealt with by Eurojust or the EJM should be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account first the complexity of the case, followed by its urgency, as the main criteria.

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