

# Council Conclusions on Synergies between Eurojust and Judicial EU Networks



## News

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At its meeting on 6 June 2019, the JHA Council adopted conclusions “on the synergies between Eurojust and the networks established by the Council in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters.” The Council acknowledged the vital role played, in the area of cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union, by Eurojust and by four networks established by the Council, namely:

- The European Judicial Network (EJN);
- The Network of Contact Points for persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes (the Genocide Network);
- The Network of Experts on Joint Investigation Teams (the JITs Network);
- The European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN).

The conclusions mainly endorsed the lines of action proposed in a joint paper by Eurojust and the four networks. The joint paper takes stock of the existing synergies between these networks and between the networks and Eurojust, and it explores areas in which further synergies should be developed. The Council stressed that synergies and coordination can be further improved in order to combat serious crime and facilitate cooperation in criminal matters more effectively.

Eurojust and the EJN should, in particular, continue efforts to appropriately allocate cases between these two actors in judicial cooperation. The conclusions also acknowledged that Eurojust and the networks must have enough resources at their disposal.

Ultimately, the conclusions support the possibility of establishing a lean secretariat for the EJCN within Eurojust.

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