

## News

In February 2026, the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA) released a report that makes several proposals for improvements of operation of INTERPOL's data processing and oversight mechanisms. A particular focus is laid on the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF). The report draws on ECBA members' practical experience of acting for individuals affected by INTERPOL alerts. It highlights progress made following reforms of INTERPOL in the last decade as well as the need for further improvements. It identifies ongoing challenges in relation to a range of topical areas, including:

- Delays;
- Pre-emptive requests;
- Wanted person diffusion notices;
- The recognition of extradition decisions;
- INTERPOL's asylum and refugee policy;
- Confidentiality and communication;
- Publicity;
- Applications for revision;
- Appeal, remedies, redress;
- Impact of CCF decisions and repeated requests;
- Impartiality of and public confidence in the CCF.

Among the ECBA's recommendations are:

- More regular and consistent updates on case progress or enhanced communication channels;
- Amended process of disclosure of information;
- More transparency and details regarding which information is shared between the CCF, the National Central Bureaus (NCBs), and the Interpol General Secretariat (IPSG) and clearer rules on information processing within the IPSG.

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