

EPOC and EPOC-PR Infographics Available



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To explain how to use the new European Production Order Certificate (EPOC) and the European Preservation Order Certificate (EPOC-PR) more clearly, the [EJN has created](#) two infographics. The Certificates will be the main means that will allow law enforcement in one EU Member State to request electronic data from a service provider in another under the EU's new legal framework on e-evidence in criminal matters (→[euclid 2/2023, 165-168](#)).

The [first infographic](#) provides information on the strategic and operational support that Eurojust and the EJN can offer legal practitioners when using the certificates. Strategic support includes expert meetings, cooperation and networking opportunities, and facilitators as well as support via co-funded EU projects that can be used to develop products and practical tools for filling in the forms. On the operational side, Eurojust can advise on the legal framework and coordinate judicial cooperation. It can also facilitate the issuing and execution of EPOC and EPOC-PR certificates.

The [second infographic](#) outlines the practical support offered by Eurojust, the SIRIUS project, the EJN, and the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN) in the use of the EPOC and EPOC-PR. It briefly explains the different mandates of each actor and provides a detailed overview of the options available to support legal practitioners in the context of e-evidence gathering. While Eurojust, the EJN, and the EJCN offer different forms of strategic and operational support, the EU-funded SIRIUS project develops products and practical tools to improve the cross-border access of judicial and law enforcement authorities to e-evidence held by service providers. Such products include service provider-specific guidelines, best practice guidelines on cross-border access to e-evidence, legal and policy reviews, and annual reports on the status of e-evidence. Other tools include EPOC/EPOC-PR guidelines, a compilation of case studies on their application, a repository of competent authorities under existing legal frameworks on e-evidence, a database on conflicts of laws on e-evidence, and a restricted platform.

The infographics will be part of a specific EJN website dedicated to electronic evidence.

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