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## News

At the end of May 2024, Eurojust published its [Annual Report for the year 2023](#). In a year 2023 marked by responses to the continuing war of aggression against Ukraine, Eurojust provided support in a record number of 13,164 cases and hosted 577 coordination meetings on ongoing investigations. Other important issues of Eurojust's work in 2023 include:

- The Core International Crimes Evidence Database (CICED) and the International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine (ICPA) were launched to further respond to the continuous war of aggression against Ukraine (→ [eucri](#)m 2/2023, 116);
- The total number of cases receiving agency support increased 14% compared to the previous year: 5710 cases were new and 7454 were ongoing cases from previous years;
- As in previous years, the majority of new cases concerned swindling and fraud (1734), drug trafficking (1137), and money laundering (835);
- Eurojust contributed to the arrest of more than 4000 suspects, the seizure and/or freezing of criminal assets worth almost €1.1 billion, and the seizure of drugs worth almost €25,6 billion;
- Eurojust provided assistance in 3743 mutual legal assistance cases;
- The agency provided operational guidance on the application of EU judicial cooperation instruments, particularly with regard to the European Arrest Warrant (1252 cases) and the European Investigation Order (6299 cases);
- It assisted 288 Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) and provided €1.94 million in JIT funding;
- It also continued its efforts in setting up the JITs collaboration platform to facilitate the coordination and management of a JIT (→ [eucri](#)m 2/2023, 164);
- In 2023, the agency held international/cooperation agreements with 13 third countries and was actively connected with over 70 jurisdictions worldwide. A prosecutor from the Republic of Moldova joined the network of liaison prosecutors from third countries. In May 2023, the Western Balkans Criminal Justice (WBCJ) Project was launched (→ [eucri](#)m news of 2 June 2023).
- The agency also actively cooperated with players in the EU criminal justice area, such as Europol, OLAF, EPPO, eu-LISA, FRA, EUIPO, and the ICC;
- The agency made progress towards digitalisation by launching its Digital Criminal Justice (DCJ) programme to further strengthen operational efficiency and support to Eurojust's National Desks;
- Eurojust published several reports such as its first Report on the transfer of proceedings in the European Union (→ [eucri](#)m 1/2023, 40-41);
- Overall, Eurojust continued to anchor the rights of victims in all its operational casework and helped deliver justice to more than 375,000 victims of all forms of serious, cross-border crime.

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