

Eurojust Casework on Corruption



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On 5 May 2022, Eurojust [published](#) its first [report](#) presenting the key findings of its casework on corruption in the years 2016–2021. Based on 505 corruption cases registered at Eurojust during this period, the report identified legal and practical issues, proposed solutions, and suggested best practices for judicial cooperation in cross-border corruption cases.

In its conclusions, the report underlines the necessity for coordinated actions to avoid duplication of work and, ultimately, *ne bis in idem*. Trustful cooperation between judicial authorities and tools by which to cooperate with third states are essential in order to effectively combat corruption. Hence, Eurojust encourages judicial authorities involved in such cases to make use of the support it offers, such as the involvement of its national members and liaison officers as well as coordination meetings with and the involvement of Eurojust's cooperation network with other agencies. Lastly, the report finds Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) to be a highly effective tool in judicial cooperation and confirms their increased use in corruption cases.

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