

Eurojust Launched New War Crimes & Genocide Project: National Authorities Against Impunity



News

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The increase in armed conflicts worldwide has also led to a significant increase in the number of core international crimes (CICs). In response to this increase, Eurojust and the Genocide Network Secretariat at Eurojust launched a new project to combat impunity for war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity on 12 February 2025. The new project, entitled "National Authorities Against Impunity (IMPNA)", aims to reduce safe havens for the perpetrators of CICs and thereby contribute to criminal accountability for such crimes. Over the next four years, the project will support civil society organisations (CSOs) in their efforts to document CICs and serious human rights violations; it will pursue avenues of accountability at regional and local levels and establish platforms for cooperation with national judicial authorities to investigate and prosecute CICs in both EU and non-EU countries. The project will also support the efforts of national authorities of non-EU countries in investigating and prosecuting CICs, including by strengthening regional cooperation. In order to achieve this objective, the following measures will be taken:

- Facilitation and application of cooperation and information exchange between CSOs and national authorities that are investigating and prosecuting;
- Creation of specialised units and development of technical expertise on CICs among national investigating and prosecuting authorities in non-EU countries;
- Creation of regional networks focusing on the investigation and prosecution of CICs in order to enable close cooperation and coordination between the national authorities of non-EU countries in various regions of the world, modelled on the EU Genocide Network;
- Application of a transparent methodology in line with international standards. Project activities will be designed and delivered in line with international human rights standards that integrate a gender-sensitive perspective at all stages of the project implementation. The implementation of project activities will also integrate a victim- and survivor-centred approach and a "do no harm" approach.
- Close coordination with key stakeholders in the global fight against impunity, such as the civil society-led consortium Global Initiative Against Impunity (GIAI), the International Criminal Court (ICC), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN investigative mechanisms, and other regional partners to identify synergies and avoid duplication of efforts.

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