

European Judicial Organised Crime Network Launched



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Figures show that 76% of criminal groups in the EU are active in two to seven countries. Their profits from illicit activities are estimated at around €139 billion annually. To enhance the fight against organised crime, a new network was launched at the beginning of September 2024. The [European Judicial Organised Crime Network \(EJOCN\)](#), hosted at Eurojust, is mandated to combat organised crime by strategically focusing on horizontal issues that arise in the investigation and prosecution of high-risk criminal networks. The network is composed of specialised prosecutors from all 27 EU Member States. Given the increasing availability of illicit drugs and the fact that 70% of drug seizures carried out by customs take place in ports, the EJOCN will put its focus on combatting drug-related organised crime connected to European ports and other logistic hubs as a first step.

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