

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
The Chairman



To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

In accordance with Article 85(1) TFEU and Article 67 (3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), the President of Eurojust shall appear once a year for the joint evaluation of the activities of Eurojust by the European Parliament and National Parliaments within the framework of an interparliamentary committee meeting, to discuss the agency's current activities and to present its annual report or its other key documents.

Such exercise constitutes a pivotal element of regular parliamentary scrutiny of Eurojust, which is mandated by the primary law and the Regulation in force. The first two of such meetings were organized by the European Parliament in December 2020 and in January 2022 (for the 2021 exercise). Further to the extraordinary circumstances linked to the war in Ukraine, the Eurojust Regulation was swiftly amended with new provisions. This extended mandate entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and gave the agency the legal possibility to collect, preserve and share evidence on war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, which provides further compelling reason to hold an exchange between Eurojust and the European and National Parliaments to discuss these developments.

Against this background, the LIBE Committee, in cooperation with Czech Chamber of Deputies and Czech Senate, would like to invite Members of National Parliaments to the 3<sup>rd</sup> interparliamentary committee meeting on "**The evaluation of Eurojust activities**". The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, **30 November 2022, from 15.30 to 18.30**, at the European Parliament premises in Brussels.

The topics to be addressed include a discussion on Eurojust annual report and outlook on its activities and challenges for future cross-border judicial cooperation in criminal matters, as well as the strengthening of the Eurojust mandate enacted this year including the activities it carries out with regard to the war in Ukraine in supporting the collection and sharing of evidence relating to core international crimes.

I am therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the two previous meetings had to be organized in a remote setting. This year presents an important opportunity to hold such meeting in person and allow the relevant Members engaged in the scrutiny of EU cooperation in criminal justice to meet and exchange their views.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

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I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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