



20 July 2023

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

Subject: Invitation to the 13th meeting of the JPSG on Europol on 20-21 September 2023

Dear Chair,

Within the framework provided by Article 51 of the Europol Regulation (EU) 2016/794, we are pleased to invite you to the 13th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on Europol, which will take place on 20 and 21 September 2023 at the European Parliament in Brussels. The meeting will be held in person only.

The meeting will tackle a number of issues directly arising from the JPSG's prerogatives according to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, including presentations by Ms Catherine DE BOLLE, Europol Executive Director, Mr Peter DE BUYSSCHER, the new Chair of the Europol Management Board and Mr Wojciech WIEWIÓROWSKI, the European Data Protection Supervisor. During the meeting, there will also be exchanges of views with Europol's Data Protection Officer and Fundamental Rights Officer.

The draft agenda also includes two scrutiny sessions, the first on the Situation of organised crime in the EU, and the activities of Europol's European Serious and Organised Crime Centre (ESOCC) and the second on the Financial and Economic Crime threat assessment from Europol's European Financial and Economic Crime centre (EFECC), including a focus on corruption in the EU.

Written questions to Europol

According to Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we kindly draw your attention to the right to address oral and written questions to Europol. Please find attached the Guide for Members on JPSG Written and Oral questions, explaining the procedure for submitting questions.

In order for Europol to prepare replies in time for the meeting, and in view of the summer break, members/delegations wishing to submit written questions are kindly requested to send them to the JPSG Co-Chairs by **Tuesday 25 July at the latest**.

Europol's multiannual programming document 2024-2026





Pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of the Europol Regulation, the JPSG is consulted on Europol's multiannual programming document 2024-2026. Please find attached the draft document for consultation. If they wish to do so, delegations are invited to send to the JPSG Secretariat written comments to the document ahead of the meeting by **Tuesday 5 September 2023**. The Executive Director of Europol will be asked to react to the received written comments during her intervention.

General aspects

We would like to recall that your Parliament/Chamber can be represented by up to four members in the JPSG (in the case of bicameral parliaments each Chamber with up to two members each). Members and their delegations will be asked to register for the meeting.

According to Article 4.3 of the JSPG Rules of Procedure, the working languages of the JPSG are English and French, therefore we would like to ask the delegations to submit all written questions, written comments or contributions in one of these two languages. Please send them to the JPSG Secretariat jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu and the Spanish Parliament spain2023eu@congreso.es.

All documents submitted by Europol for the meeting in line with Article 51.3 of the Europol Regulation, as well as all contributions by the delegations to the JPSG and other relevant documents will be published on the <u>IPEX JPSG website</u> ahead of the meeting and distributed to delegations by email.

Further information and additional documents will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR, Co-Chair of the JPSG

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Annex 1: Draft agenda of the 13th meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Annex 2: Guide for Members on JPSG Written and Oral Questions

Annex 3: Europol's draft multiannual programming document 2024-2026