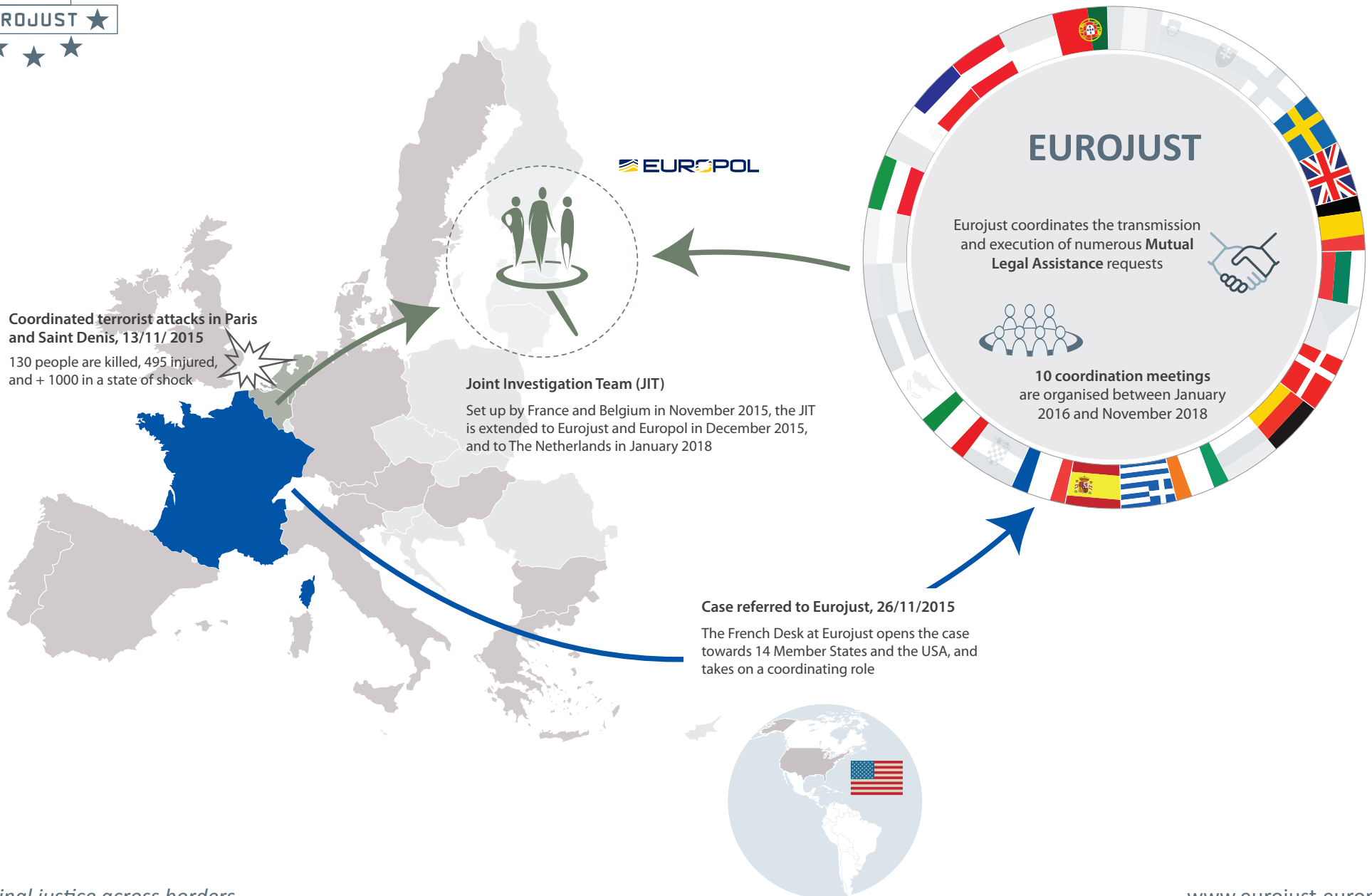




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The extensive operational support that Eurojust can provide to the Member States in terrorism cases is best illustrated in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Paris and Saint-Denis on 13 November 2015.

The French Desk at Eurojust opened a case towards 14 Member States and the USA on 26 November 2015 and from then onwards played a facilitating role in the transmission and execution of numerous MLA requests. In December 2015, both Eurojust and Europol joined the JIT set up by France and Belgium shortly after the attacks. As the investigations in France and other Member States moved forward and the needs for coordination increased, the French Desk organised 10 coordination meetings between January 2016 and November 2018, two in Austria, three in Paris, one in Brussels and four in The Hague.

By bringing together the judicial authorities and investigators of all Member States concerned, coordination meetings and joint investigation teams are Eurojust's main operational tools in terrorism cases. In this case, the coordination supported by Eurojust was instrumental in highlighting some possible links between the investigations into the attacks in Paris and other terrorism cases opened at Eurojust.