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Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned information.



INFORMATION ON AGREEMENTS AND CONTACTS BETWEEN EUROJUST AND THIRD STATES, AND
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EUROJUST AND THIRD STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

| COUNTRY/ ORGANISATION | COOPERATION AGREEMENT | ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS | DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT | COMING INTO FORCE DATE |
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| INTERPOL | Memorandum of Understanding | | 15 July 2013 | 1 November 2013 |
| former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) | √ | | 28 November 2008 | 23 June 2010 |
| Iber-Red | Memorandum of Understanding | | 4 May 2009 | 4 May 2009 |
| Iceland | √ | | 2 December 2005 | 14 March 2006 |
| Norway | √ | | 28 April 2005 | 26 October 2005 |
| Russian Federation | √ | Started in 2006 | | |
| Swiss Confederation | √ | | 27 November 2008 | 22 July 2011 |
| Ukraine | √ | Started in 2006 | 27 June 2016 | 2 September 2017 |
| UNODC | Memorandum of Understanding | | 26 February 2010 | 26 February 2010 |
| USA | √ | | 6 November 2006 | 21 December 2006 |
| Liechtenstein | √ | Started in December 2008 | 7 June 2013 | 19 November 2013 |
| Moldova | √ | Started in December 2008 | 10 July 2014 | 21 October 2016 |
| Montenegro | √ | Started in July 2008 | 03 May 2016 | 3 June 2017 |
| Albania | √ | Negotiations completed in May 2017 Pending the approval of the Council | | |
| Georgia | √ | Negotiations in the final stage. Following the internal approval procedure, to be | | |

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**A) CONTACTS AIMED AT STARTING NEGOTIATIONS OF AN OPERATIONAL AND
STRATEGIC AGREEMENT**

Albania

- First contacts related to a possible cooperation agreement: April 2006 and October 2009;
- Meetings aimed at starting negotiations:
- 28 September 2010;
- 19 September 2011 – Fact finding data protection visit to Albania;
- 23 September 2013 – Assessment of the level of data protection in Albania;
- Regional data protection seminar on 10 and 11 April 2014.
- Study visit to Albania on 23 November 2015 to discuss the comments on the note on the preliminary assessment about the applicable law on the protection of personal data in the area of judicial co-operation in criminal matters;
- Amended version of the draft regulation on data protection received on 23 June 2016 which was positively evaluated by the Eurojust DPO;
- 14 July 2016 Eurojust proposed to the Council of the EU the entering into formal negotiations of a Cooperation Agreement between Eurojust and Albania (Approval of the College was given on 02 July 2016);
- The Council gave it positive opinion on the initiative to enter into formal negotiations towards concluding a Cooperation Agreement on 18 October 2016;
- A letter inviting the Albanian Authorities to start formal negotiations towards the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement was sent on 24 November 2016;
- The negotiation meeting took place on 11 May 2017 when the negotiations were completed and the wording of the Cooperation Agreement agreed;
- The College of Eurojust approved the draft Cooperation Agreement on 19 September 2017;
- The draft Cooperation Agreement was submitted to the Council of the EU for approval on 16 October 2017;
- The Council launched a consultation procedure with the European Parliament in May 2018.

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Israel

- First contacts related to a possible cooperation agreement: 19 November 2007;
- Meetings aimed at starting negotiations:
 - ✓ 3 June 2008;
 - ✓ 5 July 2010;
- Informal meeting on 8 April 2014 at Eurojust; questions on the state of play of data protection submitted by Eurojust by email on 24 April 2014;
- The reply to the questions on the state of play of data protection was received on 23 May 2016 and was reviewed by Eurojust DPO. A reply to this communication was sent by Eurojust reply in December 2016;
- 13 December 2016- Meeting with the Eurojust Contact Point for Israel.

Serbia

- First contacts related to a possible cooperation agreement: 29 October 2008;
- Meetings aimed at starting negotiations:
 - ✓ 3 - 4 March 2009;
 - ✓ 31 May 2010;
 - ✓ 1 February 2013;
- 19 December 2011 – Fact finding data protection visit to Belgrade;
- 3 December 2013 – Visit to discuss further steps aimed at possible entering into negotiations;
- 3 September 2015 - Visit of Eurojust to Serbia to discuss future cooperation and data protection matters;
- 31 March 2016 Appointment of a second Contact Point for Eurojust;
- 15 June 2018 – Eurojust received the latest version of the draft Data Protection law of Serbia and communicated its comments;
- 19 June 2018- Eurojust agreed to the final changes in the text of the draft law provided by Serbian authorities.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- First contacts related to a possible cooperation agreement: 13 January 2009;
- Meetings aimed at starting negotiations:
 - ✓ 11 May 2009;
 - ✓ 14 September 2010.

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- On 14 and 16 May 2014 Eurojust visit to EU Delegation in Sarajevo and meetings with relevant national authorities;
- On 18 April 2016 a Eurojust delegation met with representatives of the Ministry of Justice and Data Protection Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina to discuss the Data Protection situation in the presence of representatives of EEAS Sarajevo, at the occasion of the TAIEX Data Protection Seminar in Sarajevo;
- On 23 November 2016 Eurojust hosted a study visit, organised by International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), with the participation of a delegation from BiH;
- Talks started in 2009 resumed at the meeting between EJ delegation and delegation of BiH (MoJ, Prosecutor's Office and Data Protection Agency) on 6 April 2017;
- On 14 September 2017 the BiH authorities informed Eurojust that BiH was in a position to take further steps towards a cooperation agreement and that a negotiation team was being set up;
- On 24 April 2018, the BiH authorities informed Eurojust that BiH would like to re-establish contacts aimed at negotiations;
- On 22 June 2018, Eurojust acknowledged BiH's efforts to introduce the necessary preparatory measures to enter into negotiations.

Turkey

- 20 January 2012 - First visit related to a possible cooperation agreement;
- 23 – 25 May 2012 – Fact finding visit to Turkey;
- 19 November 2012 – Study visit at Eurojust;
- On 15 December 2015 the Data Protection Officer participated in a meeting with the Commission, the Council of Europe, Europol and a Turkish delegation to discuss the Turkish draft Data Protection Legislation and necessary amendments to align this legislation with EU legal requirements;
- 08 February 2016 - TAIEX Study Visit on Protection of Personal Data by a Turkish delegation to Eurojust;
- 10 May 2016 - Study visit by Turkish delegation in the framework of the EU Project CT.0785 "Protecting Victims of Human Trafficking", aimed at prevention of human trafficking and human rights-based protection to victims of trafficking;
- 20 September 2016 - Appointment of new Eurojust Contact Points for Turkey;
- 16 May 2017- Note on potential activities regarding Turkey was adopted by the College;
- 20 June 2017 –Replacement and appointment of new Eurojust Contact Point for Turkey;
- On 14 March 2018, Eurojust invited the Turkish Contact Points appointed to Eurojust for a one day study visit at Eurojust to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation;
- On 30-31 May 2018 a representative of Turkish authorities from the Ministry of Interior participated in Eurojust meeting on migrant smuggling.

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Brazil

- 15 October 2014 - First contacts to explore the possibilities to strengthen cooperation;
- 19 October 2015 - Exchange of correspondence on initiating the talks towards further cooperation and a possible cooperation agreement;
- 9 December 2015 - Appointment of a new Eurojust Contact Point for Brazil;
- 24 November 2016 - Visit by Deputy Secretary for International Cooperation Brazil to Eurojust to exchange views on the possibility of concluding a cooperation agreement;
- 19 December 2017- visit by Deputy Head of the International Cooperation Brazil to Eurojust to discuss strengthening of cooperation and possibilities of entering into cooperation agreement negotiations;
- 16 January 2018 – Eurojust invited the Prosecutor General of Brazil for a visit to Eurojust to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation;
- 31 May 2018- a high level delegation from Brazil, including the Minister of Justice and Brazilian Contact Point for Eurojust visited Eurojust in the framework of EL PACCTO programme.

Georgia

- 25 March 2015- Visit by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Minister of Justice to Eurojust to discuss the next steps towards conclusion of the cooperation agreement between Eurojust and Georgia;
- 29 September 2015- Visit by Georgian Minister of Justice to Eurojust;
- 25 May 2016- Study visit by the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, as part of the EU funded Twinning Project “Capacity Building of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
- Exchange of views in respect to Data Protection situation (2016-2017);
- Data Protection fact finding visit to Georgia took place on 22 and 23 May 2017;
- Data protection assessment completed on 4 July 2017;
- 31 October 2017- Eurojust proposed to the Council of the EU the entering into formal negotiations of a Cooperation Agreement between Eurojust and Georgia (Approval of the College was given on 24 October 2017);
- 30 January 2018- a delegation from Georgia, headed by the Deputy Minister of Justice visited Eurojust to start discussions in view of concluding a cooperation agreement;
- 16 April 2018- A draft cooperation agreement was agreed upon at working level;
- 19 April 2018- the JSB gave its positive opinion on the draft agreement between Eurojust and Georgia.

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Tunisia

- Tunisia appointed a Contact Point for Eurojust in July 2012;
- 21 July 2015- Eurojust invited the Tunisian authorities to appoint a specific Eurojust contact point for counter-terrorism matters as well as to pay a study visit to Eurojust with the objective of further exploring a possible improvement of cooperation;
- 26 January 2016- Eurojust invited a delegation from Tunisia for a one-day study visit to Eurojust to take the first steps towards exploring the possibilities of strengthening our relations and to improve our mutual cooperation;
- Tunisia was considered a priority counterpart of Eurojust for 2017 to explore the possibilities for future strategic agreement, not entailing the exchange of personal data;
- 9 February 2017- a Study Visit of a Tunisian delegation took place at Eurojust aimed at discussing the way forward and the possible signature of a strategic agreement;
- 19 April 2017- Eurojust invited the Tunisian authorities to a follow-up meeting at Eurojust with the objective to discuss ways and areas of future cooperation not entailing the exchange of personal data;
- 16 May 2017- Action Plan regarding Tunisia was adopted by the College;
- 10 October 2017- Eurojust received a Note Verbale from the Embassy of Tunisia in The Hague informing of the designation of a new Tunisian national focal point for the cooperation between Tunisia and Eurojust;
- 9 November 2017- Eurojust invited the Tunisian authorities to a follow-up meeting at Eurojust to discuss the possible next steps towards enhancing their mutual cooperation;
- 5 February 2018- Eurojust invited the Tunisian authorities to a follow-up meeting at Eurojust to start discussions on a possible strategic agreement;
- 21 June 2018- a delegation from Tunisia visited Eurojust to discuss closer cooperation and the next steps towards the strategic agreement with Tunisia.

B) NEGOTIATIONS ON HOLD

Russian Federation

- First contact: 5 September 2003;
- Start date of negotiations: 11 May 2006;
- Negotiation meetings: 26 June 2006; 25 October 2006; 16 March 2007; 9-10 July 2008; 20-21 July 2009; 5-6 October 2009; 11-12 February 2010; 29-30 March 2010; 21 – 22 October 2010; 23 – 25 March 2011;
- 7 December 2012 – Meeting with a representative from the Russian Mission to the European Union in Brussels;

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- 11 December 2012 – Meeting with a representatives from the Ministry of Justice from Russian Federation and the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- 2 and 3 September 2013-Data Protection visit to Moscow;
- 16 October 2013 – Meeting with representatives from the Russian Mission to the European Union, at Eurojust;
- 27-28 January 2014 – New round of negotiations;
- Negotiations were suspended (by a letter of the Chair of the External Relations Team of Eurojust addressed to the head of the negotiation delegation dated 27 March 2014).

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