

2nd JHAAN meeting, 21 June 2021

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- **Casework:** up until 31 May, 1979 new cases were registered in 2021 (in addition to the almost 5300 ongoing cases from previous years). Top third state requested is the UK. The main crime types are fraud, drug trafficking, money laundering.
- 191 coordination meetings took place between January and May (of which 179 were held via videoconference) and 13 coordination centres. Europol participated in 50 CMs and 5 CCs.
- Eurojust currently supports 196 Joint Investigation Teams (JITs), of which 22 newly signed in 2021.
- New scheme for urgent JIT funding

The new funding scheme - Funding without Call for Proposals - aims to provide targeted short-term grants to urgent and/or unforeseen activities of JITs that are operational and require financing outside the calls for proposals. Applications under this funding scheme may be submitted anytime during the year.
- **Casework highlights:**
 - Sentences for Belgian suspects in fipronil egg contamination case
 - Support to action against forced prostitution of female victims in Romania and UK
 - French and Dutch authorities take down drug trafficking network with Eurojust support
 - Ten arrests following controlled delivery of nearly 1 500 kilograms of heroin across Europe
 - Convictions in UK for Slovak gang behind modern slavery case
 - Coordinated action to stop online investment swindle, defrauding victims for approximately EUR 30 million
 - Eurojust supports Spanish action against massive VAT fraud
 - New action at EU level against 'Ndrangheta in Italy and Germany
 - Action against laundering of drug profits in Germany and Luxembourg at French request
 - Action to counter Italian fuel tax fraud worth almost EUR 1 billion
- **Events**
 - 10th Plenary Meeting of the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN)

Judicial experts discussed latest trends in cybercrime and support to victims of malware.
 - 6th EU Day against Impunity for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

The EU judicial response to crimes committed by the Syrian regime was the focus of the 6th EU Day Against Impunity.
 - JHA agencies meeting on the identification and protection of victims of THB

The meeting discussed the results of the questionnaire on this topic chosen by the JHAA Network in 2020. The conclusions of the meeting will assist in the drafting of a joint paper/report with an overview of agencies' support to victims of human trafficking, which will be disseminated to the Member States to make them aware of the roles and victims-

related actions undertaken by the JHA agencies in the implementation of their 2018 Joint Statement against THB.

➤ **Publications**

- [Eurojust newsletter - Quarter 1 - 2021](#)
- [The Impact of COVID-19 on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters - Analysis of Eurojust's Casework,](#)
- [Eurojust Report on Drug Trafficking](#)
- [Eurojust Expert Workshops on Violent Right-Wing Extremism and Terrorism - Summary of the discussions](#)
- [Cybercrime Judicial Monitor - Issue 6](#)
- [European Judicial Cybercrime Network Newsletter, Issue 1, April/June 2021](#)