



EUROJUST AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

ENPE CONFERENCE

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

1. What is Eurojust?
2. Eurojust's operational support
 - Coordination Meetings
 - Joint Investigation Teams
 - Coordination Centres
3. Eurojust cases

EUROJUST = THE EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT



- Moved to New Premises in July 2017
- In close proximity of Europol - 250 metres

EUROJUST'S ORGANISATION

- College:
 - **28 National Members**, 1 from each EU Member State
 - experienced **prosecutors, judges or police officers** of equivalent competence
 - supported by Deputies, Assistants or Seconded National Experts
- Administration:
 - Headed by **Administrative Director**

EUROJUST'S MISSION (ARTICLE 3 OF THE 'EUROJUST DECISION')

- **Stimulate** and **improve** the **coordination** of **investigations** and **prosecutions** between the competent authorities in the Member States,
- **Improve** the **cooperation** between them, in particular by **facilitating** the execution of international mutual legal assistance (**MLA**) requests, European Investigation (**EIO**) Orders and the implementation of **extradition** requests.

In other words: EUROJUST = FACILITATOR

EUROJUST COMPETENCES (ARTICLE 4 OF THE 'EUROJUST DECISION')

The offences in respect of which **Europol** is competent to act:

- Organised Crime
- Terrorism
- Drug trafficking
- Trafficking in human beings
- Illegal Immigrant Smuggling
- Trafficking in nuclear and radioactive substances
- Vehicle crime
- Counterfeiting and forgery

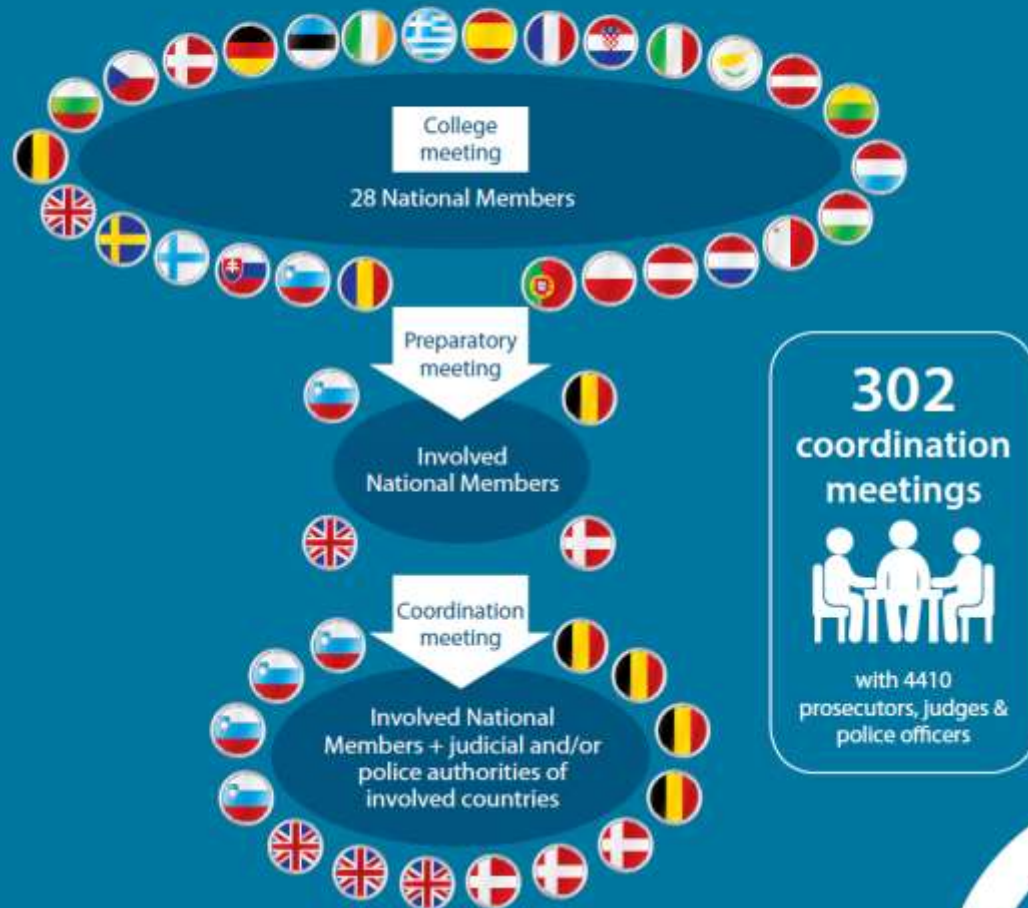
EUROJUST'S COMPETENCES (ARTICLE 4 OF THE 'EUROJUST DECISION')

- Money laundering
- Computer crime
- Fraud, corruption and financial crime
- **Environmental crime**
- Participation in a criminal organisation
- Other serious forms of international crime
- Other offences committed together with any of the above

1. Coordination meeting

1 Judicial coordination meetings

Bringing together judicial authorities and law enforcement from Member States and third States.



2. Joint Investigation Team

2 Joint investigation teams (JITs)

Carrying out criminal investigations in one or more of the involved countries.



200 JITs supported

Fixed time period

Agreement between countries

Joint criminal investigations

€ JITs enable more efficient, affordable and speedier justice



3. Coordination centre



3 Coordination centres

Coordination centres enable coordination and real-time transmission of information in serious cross-border crimes among national authorities during action days.

17
Eurojust
coordination
centres were
held in 2017

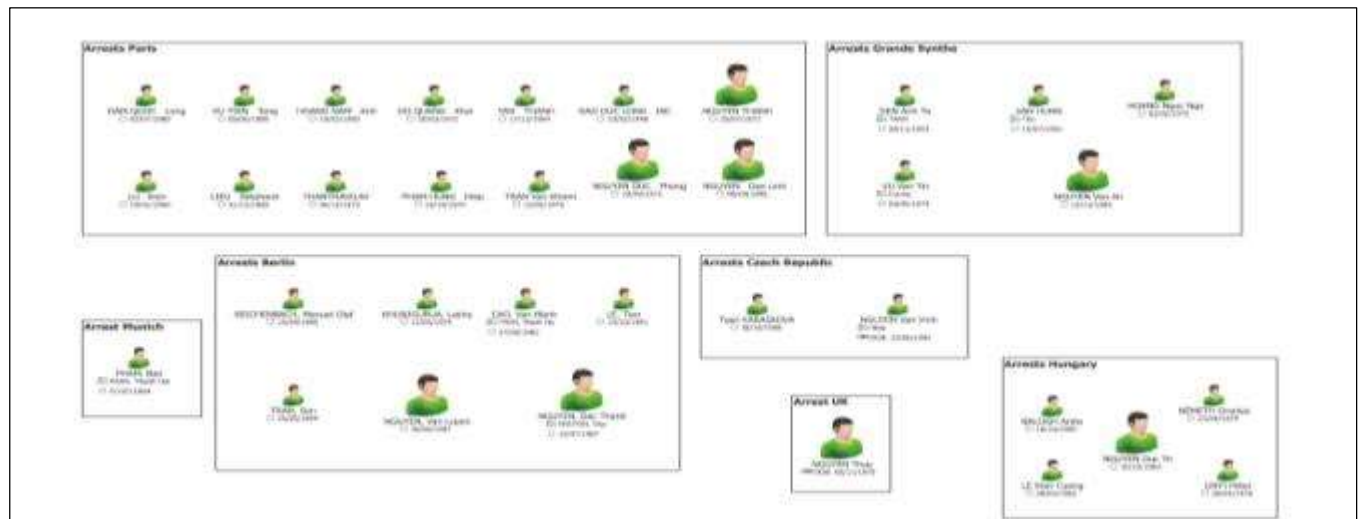
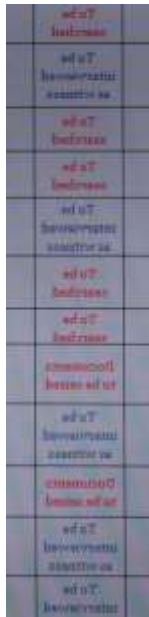


Gathering evidence correctly is important for successful future court proceedings

Coordination centres



Eurojust's coordination centres facilitate the exchange in real time of information between Eurojust and the countries involved



Cooperation

- Eurojust cooperates i.a with
 - EJN
 - Europol
 - OLAF

- Contact Points worldwide

EUROJUST CASES

- illegal hunting and trafficking – assist with MLA
- illegal import of environmental dangerous waste – transfer of proceedings
- unlawful handling of caviar (Huso huso) – legislation in the perpetrator's home country
- illicit trafficking of pesticides – house searches in several countries
- plundering case – inquiry for similar cases in other MS
- shipment of waste – paper illegally mixed with household waste – execution timeframe of the LoR unclear
- selling large quantities of Baltic salmon – request for the interview in another country
- trafficking in endangered species – level II meeting
- environmental crime – request to question a witness via videoconference

EUROJUST CASES

8 March 2017 (Press Release)

- Smuggling of over 10 tonnes of eels from the European Union to China
- Profit estimated at EUR 10 million
- 17 arrests, approximately 2 tonnes of eels worth 2 million were seized, along with data storage services, documents luxury cars and appr. 1 million cash
- Europol and Eurojust involved

EUROJUST CASES

- JIT Birdie
 - JIT between Finland and Sweden
 - Suspects in both countries, also in UK
 - Purpose: to investigate a series of illegal activities regarding gathering, exporting and or receiving wild bird eggs and dead birds
 - Eurojust organised and financed the meetings

STATISTICS: CASES REGISTERED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME 1 JAN 2012 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Operations Department
Data Management Office

REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CASES



ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CASES

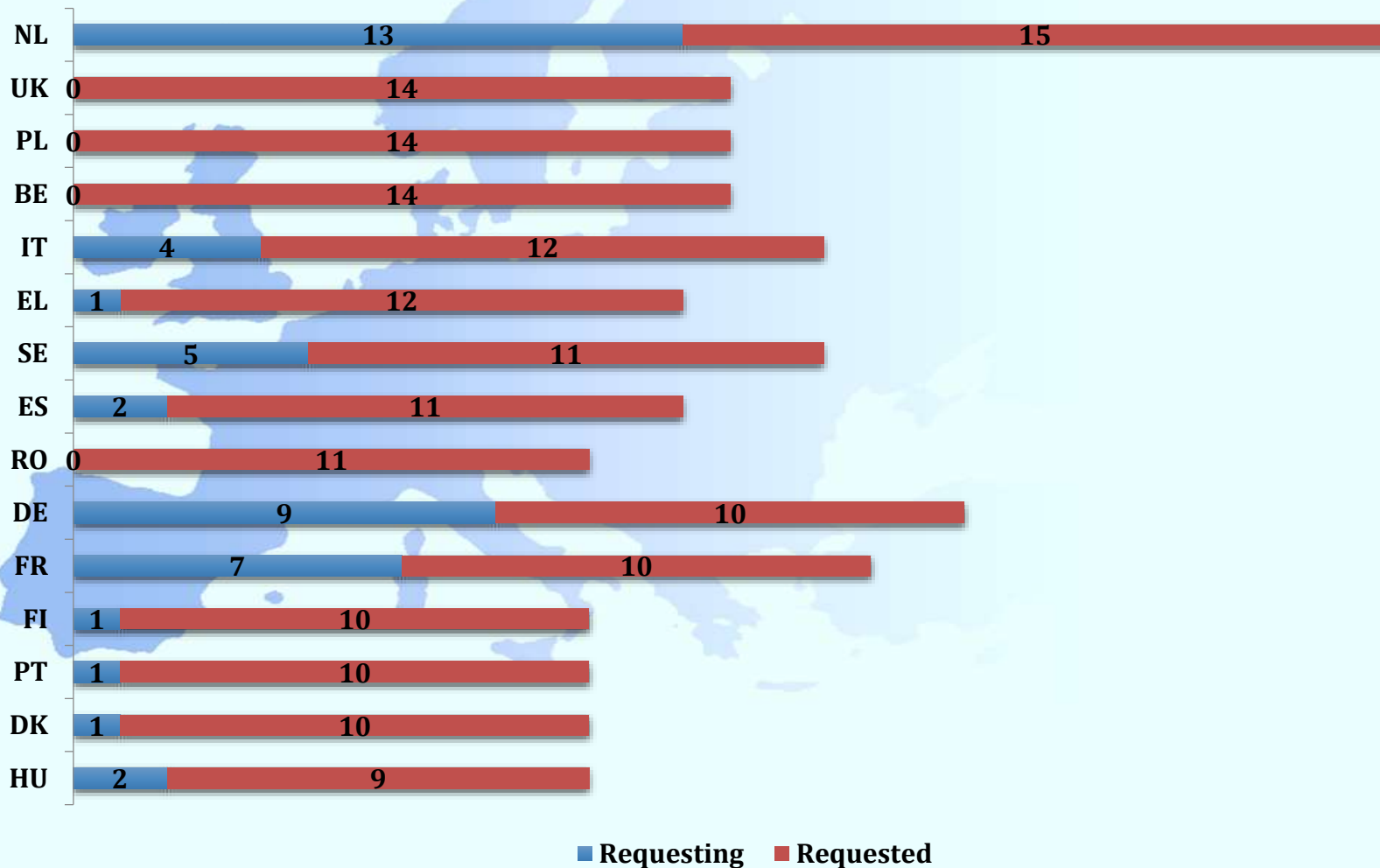
JANUARY 2012- SEPTEMBER 2018

- 55 cases, ~0,4% of the casework at Eurojust (14 778 registered cases in total)
- 22 multilateral and 33 bilateral cases
- 8 coordination meetings, 2 coordination centres
- 4 JITs in total, 3 ongoing

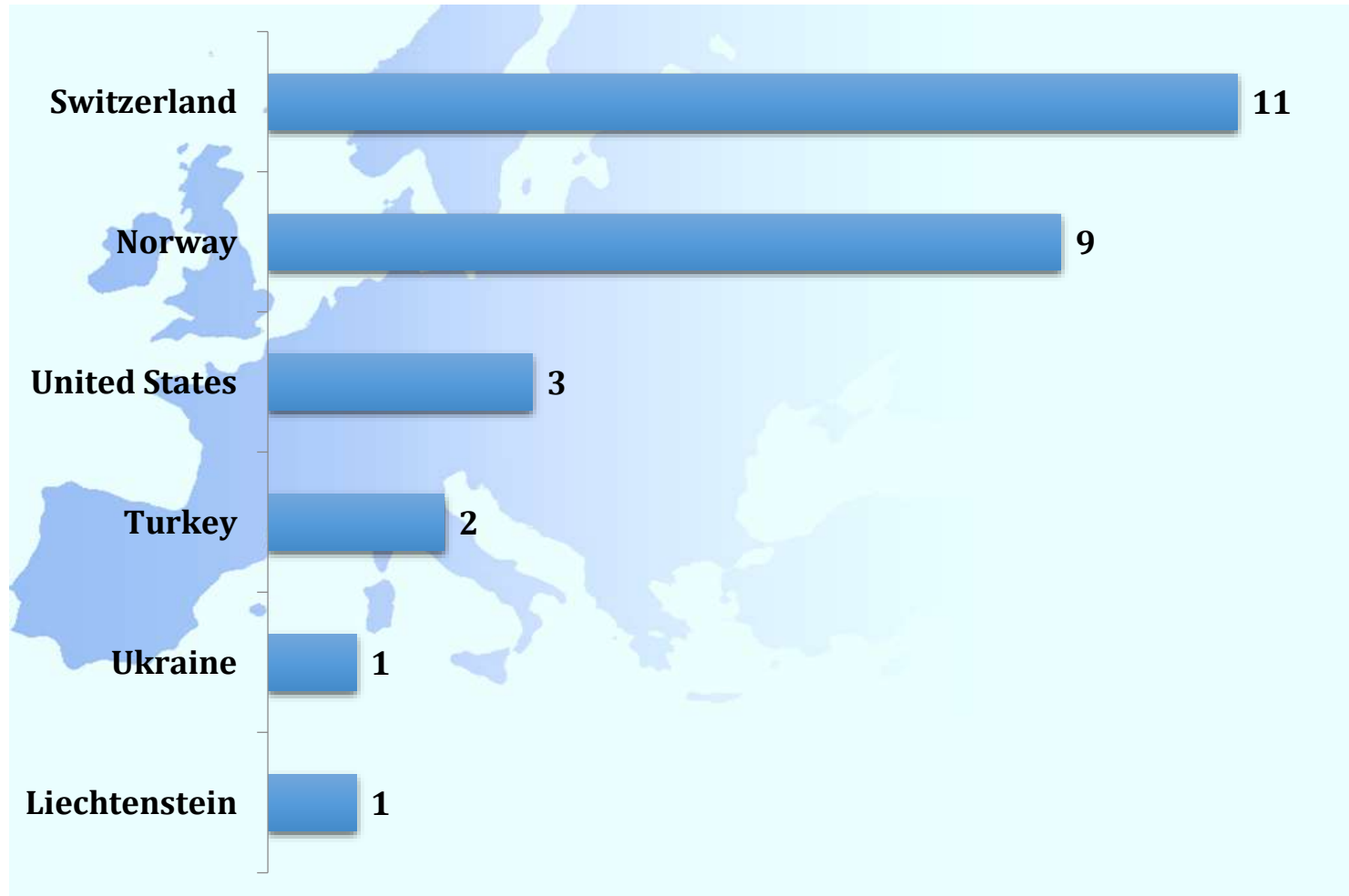
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MOST FREQUENTLY REQUESTING AND REQUESTED MEMBER STATES



THIRD STATES REQUESTED FOR JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL CASES



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Thank you for your attention



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