

# UE experience regarding the international judicial cooperation in criminal matters



EJN

Eurojust

Europol

# Institutions in charge with the cooperation

- EUROPOL
- Liaison magistrates
- EJN
- OLAF
- Eurojust



# EUROPOL

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ENFORCEMENT  
COOPERATION

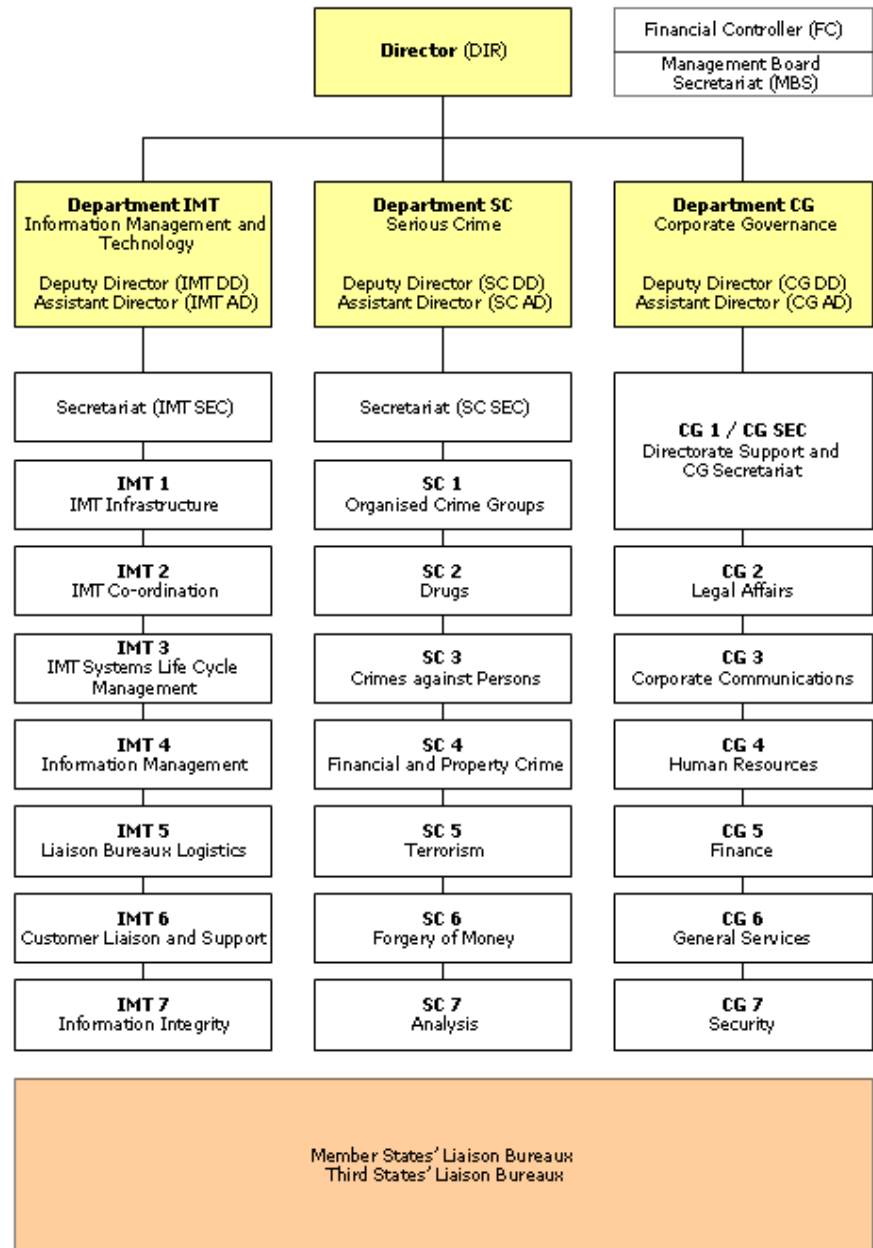
# Main steps of the elaboration of EUROPOL

- A visionary idea
- The Europol Drugs Unit : pre-europol period (1995-1999)
- The present Europol

# What is europol

- Its structure
- Its mission
- Its mandate

# Its structure



# Its mission

- Criminal intelligence
- Expertise
- Reporting and analysis

# Its mandate

- Illicit drug trafficking
- Illicit immigration networks
- Terrorism
- Forgery of money and other means of payment
- Trafficking in human beings including child pornography
- Illicit vehicle trafficking
- Money-laundering
- Terrorism

# Its main tool

- A huge system of data management and data protection :
  - The information system
  - The analysis files (fiches)
  - An index

# The judicial cooperation in criminal matters itself

As a necessity to guaranty the success  
of police cooperation

# The UE construction as a laboratory of new tools in judicial cooperation

A first step :

The introduction of liaison  
magistrates

# A step further: the European Judicial Network

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# the European Judicial Network

« a network of judicial contact points (...) between the member states » Joint action of 29 june 1998 (art 1)

# The functioning of the EJN

- Facilitation of direct contact between judicial authorities on the ground
- Periodic meetings
- Management of an up-to-date data basis to help know each other better

# EUROJUST



# Main steps of the creation of eurojust

- European council of Tampere 1999
- Pro Eurojust
- Council's decision (28 february 2002)

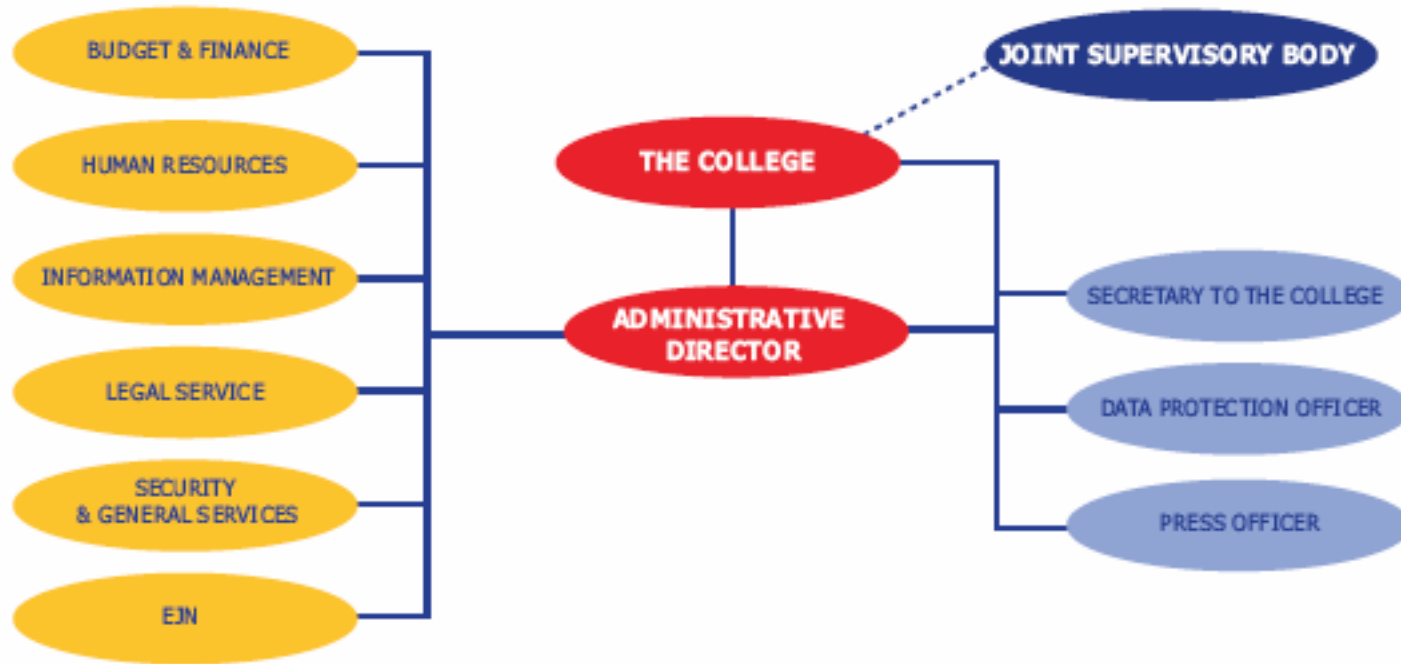
# What is Eurojust ?

- An integrated organisation of international cooperation in criminal matters
- An operational structure
- An organization able to really coordinate and not only facilitate
- A European organization able to work with other countries than member states

# An integrated organization of international cooperation in criminal matters

- A body of the Union
- With its own budget and administration
- Composed essentially of practitioners

**Staffing and Organisational Structure:**



# An operational structure

- The main structure is the college composed of practitioners
- The objectives and the tasks are practical : linked with investigations and prosecutions
- The competency is profiled for fighting against transnational organized crime

# An organization able to really coordinate and not only facilitate

- The action through one or more of the national members concerned (Eurojust as a pool of liaison magistrates)
- The action as a college (Eurojust as an embryo of a coercive institution art 7a)



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# An organization able to work with other countries

- A body of the Union
- Able to conclude agreements with non-member states
- And to cooperate with all in certain cases  
(art 3. 2)

# Most important tools of judicial cooperation in criminal matters within the European Union

- Joint investigation teams
  - European Arrest Warrant

# conclusion

From European judicial cooperation  
toward European judicial space

