

CR/2025/18-EJTN CRIMINAL JUSTICE Webinar

International Cooperation in Criminal Matters MLA and Extradition with 3<sup>rd</sup> countries



Globalisation and people's increasing mobility across the EU create new opportunities for cross - border crime. This is why mutual legal assistance and agreements on extradition are essential to stop cross border crime.

This webinar aims to provide participants with information on the general context related to judicial cooperation and extradition with third countries. The activity will focus on the applicable legal framework for mutual legal assistance and extradition taking into account global, regional and bilateral instruments. Within this context cooperation between the EU and its neighbours is crucial to effectively combat cross-border organised crime. A particular focus on the relations of the EU and the Western Balkans will be analysed.

Actors of judicial cooperation in criminal matters as Eurojust, EJN and the JITs Network play a fundamental role in the fight against transnational criminal organisations. Their respective roles will be analysed, notably taking into account their task as facilitators in

the field of judicial cooperation, reinforcement of assistance and coordination.

Upon completion of the webinar:

- Participants will gain insights into the differences between judicial cooperation within the EU and with third countries.
- Participants will become acquainted with the relevant instruments in the field of judicial cooperation, and extradition or arrest warrants in the context of the EU and third countries. They will gain insights into the respective roles of Eurojust, EJN and JITs.
- Participants will consider the importance of mutual legal assistance and extradition with 3rd countries as essential mechanisms in the fight against cross-border crime.

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday 21 May 2025						
09.00-09.15	Testing and accessing Zoom platform					
09.15-9.30	Introduction to the webinar's objectives  - Online training's learning objectives and methodology  - Pre-Training Knowledge Assessment	Welcome words Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA, EJTN Senior Project Manager  Beatriz LOPEZ PESQUERA Senior Public Prosecutor, Spain Convener of the EJTN Criminal Justice Subworking Group.				
09.30-10.15	Session I-Setting the scene: International cooperation in criminal matters, legal framework and tools for cooperation.  - Multilateral Agreements  - Regional agreements with particular focus on the Western Balkans  - EU legal framework	Luis RODRIGUEZ SOL-tbc Public Prosecutor Special Prosecutor's Office against Corruption and Organised Crime (Spain)				
10.15-11.00	Q&A  Session II-European actors and the effectiveness of international cooperation between authorities investigating and prosecuting serious crime in and outside the EU.  The role of EJN in judicial cooperation in criminal matters  Q&A	Christian SCHIERHOLT-tbc Chief Senior Public Prosecutor Prosecutor General's Office Celle EJN Contact Point Germany				
11.00 -11.15	Break					

Session III-European actors and the effectiveness of international cooperation between authorities investigating and prosecuting serious crime in and outside the EU.

- Role of EUROJUST in judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Strengthening cooperation within the Western Balkans and between the region and the European Union in the fight against organised crime

Session IV- Closer cooperation with third countries and investigative tools: Joint Investigation Teams, a tool for practitioners

International serious crime and parallel investigations
Practical examples of JITs with third countries, with focus on

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Wester Balkans.
- Sharing best practices among practitioners
Conclusions and Wrap-up

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