



# EUROPEAN JUDICIAL NETWORK (EJN)

A formal network for informal contacts

# EJN in brief

What?



Pioneer network of judicial authorities fighting serious crime

When?



29 June 1998 (Joint Action 428/JHA)

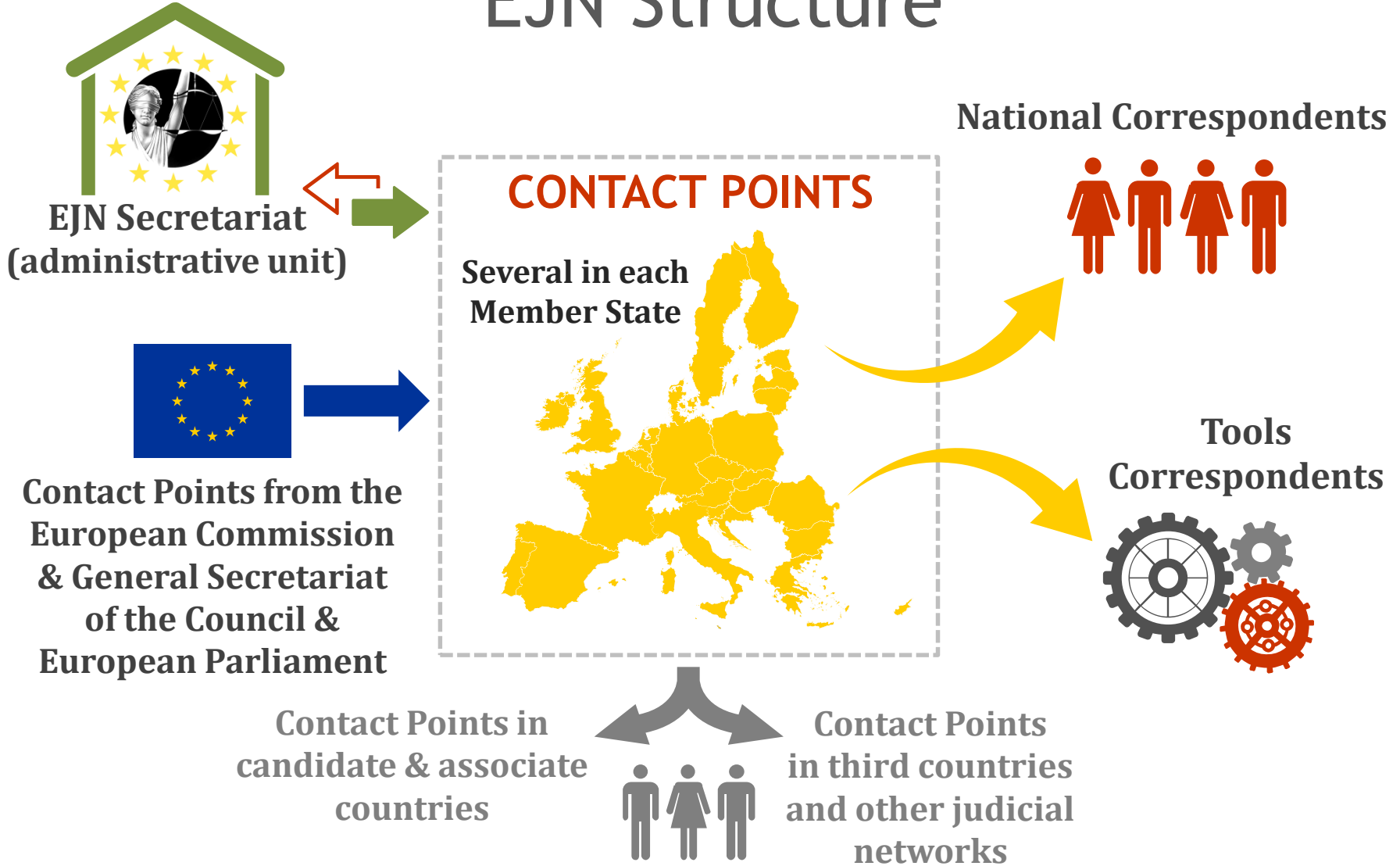
Who?



Contact points appointed by each Member State as 'active intermediaries' to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters: prosecutors, judges, central authority officials



# EJN Structure



# Main functions of EJN CPs (1)

1

As active intermediaries, **facilitating judicial cooperation** between Member States in actions to combat serious crime

2

**Providing the necessary legal and practical information** to enable judicial authorities to prepare an effective request for judicial cooperation or improve judicial cooperation in general



## Main functions of EJM CPs (2)

3

In their Member States and at respective levels, **promoting and being involved in the organisation of training sessions on judicial cooperation of benefit to the competent authorities**

When appropriate, in cooperation with the *European Judicial Training Network*



# How CPs work in practice

- Operate from their offices in the Member States



DECENTRALISED

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**FLEXIBLE**

- Provide know-how and assistance in issuing and executing requests for judicial cooperation
- Facilitate direct contacts



# EJN “cases”

- **11 000 per year (2014):**
  - **Mutual Legal Assistance - 5000**
  - **European Arrest Warrant - 2000**
- **7 000 partial results provided by 15 Member States for 2015**



# EJN meetings - 5 per year

1

## **EJN Plenary meetings**

- 2 in the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU
- 1 in the Hague, Netherlands

2

## **Other EJN meetings**

- 1 National Correspondents meeting
- 1 Tool Correspondents meeting





# Purpose of the EJM meetings

**1**

**To get to know each other and exchange experience, particularly concerning the operation of the Network**

**2**

**Forum for discussion of practical and legal problems encountered in the context of judicial cooperation**

**Create Mutual Trust**



# Other EJM activities

**1**

**Regional and National EJM Meetings**

**2**

**Language training for EJM Contact Points**



# EJN website

[www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu](http://www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu)

- **Created in 2000**
- **Home base for the EJN Contact Points**
- **Information on judicial cooperation in criminal matters to all judicial authorities**
- **Practical e-tools for judicial authorities for judicial cooperation**
- **Managed by the EJN Secretariat and the EJN Tool correspondents**





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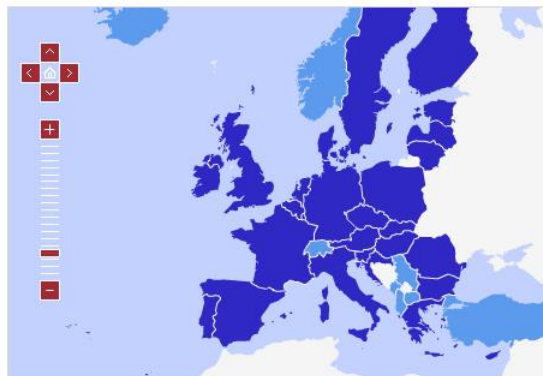
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## Practical tools for judicial cooperation



### Member states

AT	BE	BG
HR	CY	CZ
DK	EE	FI
FR	DE	GR
HU	IE	IT
LV	LT	LU
MT	NL	PL
PT	RO	SK
SI	ES	SE
UK		

### Candidate countries

AL	MK	IS
ME	RS	TR

### Associated Countries

LI	NO	CH
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### Partners



EUROJUST



JITs network



Genocide network



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EJN in civil and commercial matters



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Contact Points

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# EJN e-Tools

## Useful e-Tools

→ Draft requests, find competent authorities etc.



Used by contact points  
and all judicial authorities in the Member States



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# “Fiches Belges”

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Represent the first EJM Tool

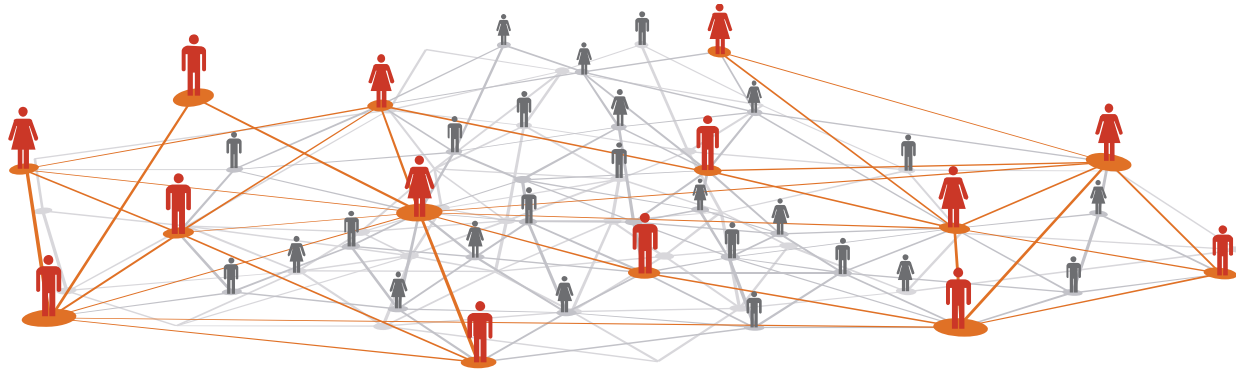
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Contain basic information on national legislation and procedures for judicial cooperation in criminal matters within EU Member States



# Contact Points



1 ➔ Contact details of the EJM Contact Points

2 ➔ Password protected area on the EJM website

3 ➔ Can use different filters to find CPs



# Judicial Atlas



- 1** → Assists in finding the competent authority for executing requests for judicial cooperation (MLA, EAW etc.)
- 2** → Provides details of the competent receiving authorities for requests for judicial cooperation
- 3** → Facilitates direct contact between judicial authorities





# Compendium

This tool is used for drafting requests for judicial cooperation in a standardised and uniform manner



**1** → MLA and EAW

**2** → As of July 2016, other types of requests based on mutual recognition



# Judicial Library

The most recent tool created by the EJM (2011)

**1** → Contains EU and national legislation and case law on judicial cooperation in criminal matters

**2** → ... as well as notifications, forms, reports, handbooks and other practical information per legal instrument



# EJN and partner networks

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The EJN has served as a model within and beyond the EU to enhance the fight against serious crime

- Genocide network (2002)
- SEEPAG (2003)
- IberRed (2004)
- JITs experts (2005)
- Rede Judiciária da CPLP (2005)
- CNCP-Commonwealth (2007)
- IOC (2009)
- Sahel (2010)
- Western Balkans Prosecutors Network (2010)
- Euromed IV (2011)
- GLJC Network (2016) !?





**Partner network:**  
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**Country:**  
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**Find Contact Points**  
name/email

**Languages spoken**  
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- EU Member State
- candidate country
- third country
- associated country
- no formal cooperation

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## Cooperation with Third Countries

The judicial cooperation in criminal matters between EU Member States and third countries continues to be governed by international law treaties and agreements, either bilateral or multilateral. As far as the multilateral instruments are concerned, there are, on the one hand, the legal instruments adopted under the aegis of the Council of Europe and the United Nations and, on the other hand, the Agreements that the European Union has concluded with some third countries (see the Library).

In order to facilitate the cooperation of the Member States' authorities with those from third countries, the European Judicial Network (EJN) has established close relations with the associated countries Switzerland and Norway, which have appointed Contact Points for EJN, and with the countries members of the IberRed, on the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in Madrid on 21

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**Log in as CP for full access:**

Name:

Password:

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SAHEL

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## Judicial Regional Platform of Sahel countries

The **Judicial Regional Platform of Sahel countries (SAHEL)**, created in 2010) was created jointly by UNODC's Terrorism Prevention Branch and Organised Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch and COI. It is a Network of focal points, who facilitate extradition and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters procedures with the Member States. Its main objective is to prevent and combat forms of serious crime, such as organised crime, corruption, drug trafficking or terrorism. To achieve its objective, SAHEL Platform helps to strengthen judicial cooperation in criminal matters among its Member States by facilitating the transmission and execution of mutual legal assistance and extradition requests made by Member States; keeping track of the cooperation requests processed; sharing experiences and best practices; and identifying technical assistance needs.



## Countries in SAHEL

- Burkina Faso
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger

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**Thank you!**

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