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Dear Mr Voss,

I am writing to you as Rapporteur for the Regulation on Eurojust. The Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust ("JSB") is concerned about alarming information regarding the negative impact that the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ("EPPO") might have on the resources and budget of Eurojust and about the data protection supervisory schemes of both Eurojust and the EPPO.

The JSB has been actively monitoring the activities of Eurojust regarding the processing of personal data since its establishment and has observed the growing central role played by Eurojust in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters in Europe. We have witnessed the remarkable efforts made and results delivered by Eurojust, as a crucial centre of expertise to reach a balanced system in the fight against serious crime.

The EPPO also has an important role to play together with Eurojust in this balanced system. The EPPO may however not be established to the detriment of Eurojust by compelling it to reduce its human resources whilst assigning additional tasks to Eurojust. Doing so would be inconsistent with the need to increase the level of security and justice to the benefit of all citizens in the EU, especially in a context where Eurojust already has to deal with an increasing casework with limited budgetary and human resources. Furthermore and even more important, such reduction in combination with additional tasks will most likely negatively affect Eurojust's capabilities to uphold a strong data protection regime.

The JSB is aware of the substantial work being done by the European Parliament regarding the EPPO Regulation but would like to respectfully draw your attention to the content of its opinions about the Regulations on Eurojust<sup>1</sup> and the EPPO.<sup>2</sup> It believes that implementing the content of these opinions about the

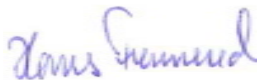
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<sup>1</sup> Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust regarding data protection in the proposed new Eurojust legal framework, 14 November 2013, available at [http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Opinion%20on%20the%20new%20Eurojust%20Regulation.%202013/OpinionJSB\\_new\\_Eurojust\\_Regulation\\_2013-11-14\\_EN.pdf](http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Opinion%20on%20the%20new%20Eurojust%20Regulation.%202013/OpinionJSB_new_Eurojust_Regulation_2013-11-14_EN.pdf); Second Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust about the data protection regime in the proposed Eurojust Regulation, 1 December 2014, available at [http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Second%20opinion%20about%20the%20data%20protection%20regime%20in%20the%20proposed%20Eurojust%20Regulation.%202014/SecondOpinionJSB\\_Draft-EJ-Regulation\\_2014-12-01\\_EN.pdf](http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Second%20opinion%20about%20the%20data%20protection%20regime%20in%20the%20proposed%20Eurojust%20Regulation.%202014/SecondOpinionJSB_Draft-EJ-Regulation_2014-12-01_EN.pdf); Third opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust about the data protection regime in the proposed Eurojust Regulation, 6 May 2015, available at [http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Third%20Opinion%20on%20the%20data%20protection%20regime%20in%20the%20proposed%20Eurojust%20Regulation,%202015/3rdOpinionJSB\\_on-data-protection-in-proposed-Eurojust-Regulation\\_2015-05-06\\_EN.pdf](http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Third%20Opinion%20on%20the%20data%20protection%20regime%20in%20the%20proposed%20Eurojust%20Regulation,%202015/3rdOpinionJSB_on-data-protection-in-proposed-Eurojust-Regulation_2015-05-06_EN.pdf)

protection of personal data and the supervisory schemes of Eurojust and the EPPO would assist the EU legislature in providing for efficient and cost-effective legal regimes whilst supporting both Eurojust and the EPPO as strong organisations with key functions in the struggle against serious crime.

We would very much like to meet with you in Brussels to discuss these matters. We will accordingly contact your assistant to set a meeting for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair  
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<sup>2</sup> Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust about the protection of personal data in the Proposal for a Regulation on the Establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, 8 January 2016, available at [http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Opinion%20of%20the%20JSB%20on%20the%20protection%20of%20personal%20data%20in%20the%20Proposal%20for%20a%20Regulation%20on%20the%20EPPO%20\(2016\)/Opinion%20of%20the%20JSB%20on%20the%20protection%20of%20personal%20data%20on%20the%20EPPO\\_2016\\_EN.pdf](http://eurojust.europa.eu/doclibrary/Eurojust-framework/jsb/opinions/Opinion%20of%20the%20JSB%20on%20the%20protection%20of%20personal%20data%20in%20the%20Proposal%20for%20a%20Regulation%20on%20the%20EPPO%20(2016)/Opinion%20of%20the%20JSB%20on%20the%20protection%20of%20personal%20data%20on%20the%20EPPO_2016_EN.pdf)