

Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust on the opportunity to amend article 23 of the Eurojust Decision regarding the composition of this body

At its meeting of 22nd of February 2008, the Joint Supervisory Body was informed about the ongoing discussions in Brussels regarding a Draft Council Decision on the strengthening of Eurojust amending Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 presented by 14 Member States of the European Union.

The Joint Supervisory considered, in the light of the experience acquired so far and of the foreseen entering into force of the Lisbon Treaty modifying the rotating system of presidencies which is presently linked to the composition of the JSB, this a good occasion to put forward a proposal to amend article 23 of the Eurojust Decision regarding the composition of this body.

The Joint Supervisory Body appreciates the fact that the composition of this body by three members is a very workable construction facilitating its operation and quick decision making process and it is also a non bureaucratic and cost effective structure. It regrets however that the very frequent changes of members every six months and the short length of the participation in the troika of Eurojust for only eighteen months, makes it difficult to keep a high level of knowledge of the Eurojust complex legal and technical framework, its organisation and the state of play regarding the many developments at Eurojust having impact on the protection of personal data. It therefore considers that a more permanent structure would be beneficial, while keeping the reduced size and efficient operation of the body.

After careful deliberation and discussion, and having consulted all persons designated in accordance with Article 23.1 of the Eurojust Decision, the Joint Supervisory Body decided to put forward the attached proposal to amend Article 23, paragraphs 3 and new 4 and 5, as outlined in the annex to this opinion.



The Joint Supervisory Body also wishes to take this opportunity to express its support to the inclusion of a sentence in Article 23, paragraph 10, enabling its Secretariat to rely upon the expertise of the secretariat established by the Council Decision 2000/641/JHA.

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