



Michael G. Kennedy  
President of the College of Eurojust

Dear Mr Kennedy,

I am pleased to send you the opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body concerning the envisaged agreement between Eurojust and the republic of Croatia.

Sincerely yours,

Carlos Campos Lobo  
Chairman of the Joint Supervisory Body

## **Opinion of the Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust on the draft agreement between Eurojust and the republic of Croatia**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2007, the President of the College of Eurojust, Mike Kennedy, submitted the draft agreement between Eurojust and the republic of Croatia to the Joint Supervisory Body for consideration.

In accordance to article 27.3 of the Eurojust Decision, the Joint Supervisory Body will be consulted by Eurojust when concluding agreements with third parties which contain provisions on the exchange of personal data.

At its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 the Joint Supervisory Body had a useful exchange of views with the vice-chairman of the College team dealing with external relations and the Data Protection Officer concerning this draft agreement and was informed of all its relevant aspects as well as of the fact-finding visit of the DPO to Croatia.

The Joint Supervisory Body appreciates the fact that Eurojust has provided it with extensive information and is pleased to observe that the level of protection in Croatia has been checked carefully by the Data Protection Officer. The JSB notes with satisfaction that the recommendations contained in the DPO report of 1 June 2007 have been taken on board in the text of the agreement. It would also like to take the opportunity to stress the importance of a second visit by the DPO to Croatia before the agreement enters into force.

After careful deliberation and discussion, the Joint Supervisory Body concluded as follows:

Considering that Croatia is candidate to the accession to the European Union,

Considering the fact that the data protection legislation applicable in Croatia seems to offer adequate protection,

Considering that the Office of the Attorney General in Croatia, competent authority in the sense of article 4 of the draft agreement, is subject to the supervision of the Croatian Data Protection Authority concerning data protection matters,

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Considering the fact that additional safeguards have been included in the text of the agreement to ensure proper oversight of its implementation by the DPO and, where necessary, the JSB,

The Joint Supervisory Body considers the provisions on the exchange of personal data contained in the draft agreement between Eurojust and the republic of Croatia adequate and gives therefore a positive opinion on the draft agreement as contained in the letter of Mike Kennedy of 5 July 2007.

Done at The Hague,  
19 July 2007

Carlos Campos Lobo  
Chairman of the Joint Supervisory Body