



The EJM Secretariat

The Secretariat is our managerial body that ensures the functioning and continuity of the EJM altogether. Its main responsibilities include:

- ◆ Enabling the Contact Points to fulfil their tasks;
- ◆ Setting up, maintaining and improving the EJM website and its operational e-tools;
- ◆ Disseminating information to the Contact Points and stakeholders on the EJM activities and on judicial co-operation;
- ◆ Ensuring representation and establishing relations with other Judicial Networks and structures in the field of judicial co-operation within and beyond the EU.



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What is the EJM?

We are the first practical structured mechanism of judicial co-operation to become truly operational within the European Union.

We were created in 1998 by the Joint Action 98/428 JHA to fight serious crime in a decentralised, flexible and horizontal way.

In 2008 our legal basis was reinforced through the Council Decision 976/JHA on the EJM and currently we are more than 400 Contact Points distributed all over the EU as well as in Candidate and Third Countries!

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What is our purpose?

We aim to create more effective judicial co-operation, particularly in combating serious crime, by means of:

- ◆ Acting as active intermediaries to facilitate judicial co-operation;
- ◆ Providing legal and practical information to competent local authorities including through our website;
- ◆ Providing support with requests for judicial co-operation;
- ◆ Creating a European Union judicial culture; and
- ◆ Cooperating with other Judicial Networks, third countries and judicial partners.

Who we are:

EJN is composed of Contact Points, a community of judges, prosecutors, representatives of the Ministries of Justice, strongly committed to put their experience in the benefit of the European judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

EJN is 100% operational!

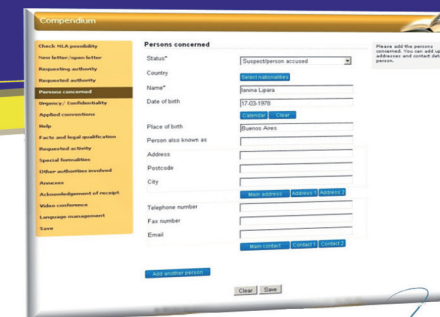
How do we work?

To achieve effective co-operation:

- ◆ We promote judicial co-operation between our local authorities;
- ◆ We provide judicial authorities with legal and practical information on judicial co-operation;
- ◆ We promote the organisation of training sessions on judicial co-operation;
- ◆ The National Correspondent in each MS is responsible for the internal functioning of the Network; and
- ◆ The Tool Correspondent is in charge of providing and updating the information about their MS in the e-tools.

How do we build our Mutual Trust?

We meet several times a year to gather knowledge on the various EU legal systems, exchange experience on judicial co-operation and get to know each other!



How can we help you?

- ◆ In identifying and establishing direct contacts with the competent local authority in another MS to which you may be sending a request for judicial co-operation, i.e. EAWs and MLAs;
- ◆ In obtaining legal and practical information on judicial co-operation in other MS;
- ◆ In providing you with a secure telecommunication connexion;
- ◆ In mediating to resolve difficulties and delays that arise in the implementation of requests for judicial co-operation; and
- ◆ In the provision of advice on the correct approach to co-operation in complex criminal cases between competent authorities in MS.

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