

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS (JHA) AGENCIES' NETWORK

Europol chairs Justice and Home Affairs agencies' network in 2019



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The JHA network has an important role to play in Europe. Their work helps ensure that the EU is well equipped to deal with security, justice, fundamental rights and gender equality. The agencies work on a wide range of important areas, including migration and border management, drug trafficking and combating organised crime, human trafficking and gender equality. Since these areas have a lot in common, the network was established to make use of the synergies and share information.

The network includes nine agencies: [CEPOL](#), [EASO](#), [EIGE](#), [EMCDDA](#), [eu-LISA](#), [Eurojust](#), [Europol](#), [FRA](#) and [Frontex](#). The JHA agencies take turns in chairing the network. Europol is the chair in 2019.

The JHA agencies report jointly to the Council's Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) regarding the network's progress

and achievements. In line with this requirement, a formal report, to be endorsed by the Heads of the JHA agencies in November in The Hague, will be presented to COSI by the end of the year.

JHA AGENCIES NETWORK PRIORITY TOPIC FOR 2019

In 2019, the JHA agencies' network intends to engage in a joint strategic reflection on the role of JHA agencies' cooperation in the future development of the EU security architecture.

This should give the opportunity to agencies to discuss future perspectives for cooperation in light of a changing political environment due to the upcoming elections of the European Parliament and the new Commission taking office towards the end of the year.

In order to frame the network discussions, the network members identified **sub-topics** of common interest, to be addressed during the three meetings of the network. The main outcome of the network meetings will be discussed at the Heads of JHA Agencies meeting in November.

KEY MEETINGS IN 2019

MEETING	DATE
1st JHA Agencies Network meeting	26-27 February 2019
2nd JHA Agencies Network meeting	18-19 June 2019
3rd JHA network meeting	25-26 September 2019
Heads of JHA Agencies meeting	22 November 2019

EXPERTS MEETINGS FOR 2019

Communication meeting	Date TBC
Data Protection Officers (DPO) meeting - Europol HQ, The Hague	4 - 5 July 2019 26 - 27 September 2019
Training meeting, co-chaired by CEPOL and Europol - CEPOL HQ, Budapest	25 - 26 June 2019
External Relations meeting	Q1 2020
Diversity and Inclusion meeting - Europol HQ, The Hague	5 July 2019
ICT& cybersecurity meeting	29 November 2019

OTHER MEETINGS FOR 2019

FRA Cybercrime Expert meeting - FRA HQ, Vienna	14-15 May 2019
Meeting of the informal JHA Agencies group on interoperability and CRRS - eu-LISA HQ, Tallinn	9-10 July 2019
EIGE Gender Equality Index Conference - Brussels	15 October 2019
eu-LISA Annual Conference – Hotel Hilton, Tallinn	16 October 2019
eu-LISA Industry Roundtable – Hotel Hilton, Tallinn	17 October 2019

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