



The EU justice and home affairs agencies 2018



EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Warsaw, Poland
Established in 2016

Who we are

Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, supports EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries in the management of EU's external borders and fighting cross-border crime, for the implementation of a European integrated border management.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities:

- **Crime Information Cell – “Pilot Project” bridging internal and external security of EU**

Frontex teams up with Europol and EU-NAVFOR Med to disrupt criminal networks operating in the Central Mediterranean Sea.

- **Joint implementation of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)**

Together with eu-LISA and Europol, Frontex is already preparing for the implementation of ETIAS, which will help improve internal security, limit public health risks and reduce delays at the borders by identifying persons who may pose a risk before they arrive at the EU's external borders.

- **Common training for the Migration Management Support Teams (MMSTs)**

Frontex, together with EASO and Europol, are developing a common training for the MMSTs based on the needs of the participating agencies strongly linked to their experiences in the existing hotspots. The pilot training course is expected to take place in 2019.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

Given its role at the external borders, Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, cooperates closely with other JHA agencies in the area of migration and border management. These partnerships are crucial in many ways. Some of these include operational activities in the hotspots, coordination of operational actions in the context of the EU Policy Cycle/EMPACT and regular exchange of border-related intelligence, situational awareness and risk analysis.

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Who we are

The agency's core mission is to continuously add value to Member States by supporting, through technology, their efforts for a safer Europe. eu-LISA provides a long-term solution for the operational management of large-scale IT systems, which are essential instruments in the implementation of the EU's asylum, border management and migration policies.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities

- After two years of intense efforts, eu-LISA successfully launched the first phase of the **SIS II AFIS platform**. The platform enables the identification of a person from his/her fingerprints alone.
- The **governance body for the Entry/Exit system - the Advisory Group** - was established by eu-LISA in order to provide expertise related to the EES. The first meeting was held on 25th of June in Tallinn.
- **ETIAS Regulation** entered into force on the 9th October 2018. ETIAS will help improve internal security, prevent illegal immigration, protect public health and reduce delays at borders by identifying persons who may pose a risk in one of these areas before they arrive at the EU's external borders.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

Within the context of Interoperability, eu-LISA has delivered and/or supported feasibility studies on different components: the final outcomes of studies on the shared Biometric Matching Service and Common Repository for Reporting and Statistics (CRRS); full support was provided to COM studies on the European Search Portal and Common Identity Repository. In 2018 several meetings with the JHA Agencies took place aimed at exploring how best to develop the CRRS, as the first component to become fully operational, foreseen in the Interoperability proposals. The Agencies are closely following the evolution of the ongoing inter-institutional negotiations and, if the final adoption is concluded within the foreseen timeline, then preparations for respective implementation should start immediately.

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EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE

Valletta, Malta
Established in 2011

Who we are

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) is active in implementing the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), strengthening cooperation with and amongst Member States and providing assistance to apply into practice the fundamental values of CEAS, work towards the harmonization of asylum practices and to ensure that individual asylum cases are systematically addressed by all Member States.

This is carried out through guidance material, COI publications, training, data collection and analysis, operational support and technical support, such as capacity building – including with third countries.

Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our studies:

- **Annual Report on the Situation of Asylum in the European Union 2017**

The report provides a comprehensive overview of developments at European level and at the level of national asylum systems. The Report looks into main statistical trends and analyses changes in EU+ countries as regards their legislation, policies, practices, as well as national case law.

- **Practical Guide on Age Assessment**

The guide offers practical guidance, key recommendations and tools on the implementation of the best interests of the child when assessing the age of a person from a multi-disciplinary and holistic approach.



Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

EASO exchanges information with other JHA Agencies with the aim of developing a joint situational picture of irregular migration to the EU. The Agency also joins forces with other JHA Agencies to ensure a joint approach in the hotspots with joint operational training, harmonized security, health and safety policies and common operating procedures.

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EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Vilnius, Lithuania
Established in 2010

Who we are

EIGE works to strengthen equality between women and men in the EU, so that everyone can have the same opportunities in life. Our research paves the way to make all areas of society more gender-equal. This is the recipe for a stronger and fairer Europe.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our upcoming studies:

- **Gender equality and youth: opportunities and risks of digitalisation**

Our report explores how young women and men use digital technologies and what benefits they bring. It also looks at the other side of the coin, by focusing on the risks of digitalisation for young women and men, such as cyber violence.

- **Risk assessment of intimate partner violence**

Our report aims to help Member States better support victims in their country. EIGE will be estimating the likelihood of future incidents of violence. Our goal is to create common tools, such as language and procedures, to support the Member States with this work.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

In 2018, EIGE encourages JHA agencies to **collect and use sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics**. EIGE has organised a dedicated workshop to discuss the importance of such data and how each agency can integrate gender in their own data collection and usage.

Taking the gender perspective into account when collecting data is key to monitor the implementation of policies. The conclusions of the workshop will lead to a set of recommendations.

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EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION

Lisbon, Portugal
Established in 1993

Contributing to a healthier and more secure Europe

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) is the hub of drug-related information in Europe. For over 20 years, it has been collecting, analysing and disseminating scientifically sound information on drugs and drug addiction and their consequences, providing its audiences with an evidence-based picture of the drug phenomenon at European level.

Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities:

- **European Drug Report 2018:
Trends and Developments**

This annual overview of the European drug situation provides a comprehensive analysis of the latest tendencies across 30 countries (28 EU, Turkey and Norway). Available in 24 languages, the report examines: drug supply and the market; drug use prevalence and trends; and drug-related harms and responses to them.

- **New legislation to bring faster
response to new drugs**

Europe's ability to rapidly respond to public health and security threats caused by new psychoactive substances (NPS) will be significantly strengthened, thanks to new legislation being applied from 23 November 2018.

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Strategic analysis: By working closely with JHA agencies, the EMCDDA strengthens its capacity for strategic analysis and threat assessments. One example of this is the joint EMCDDA–Europol EU Drug Markets Report, published every three years. This provides an overview of the illicit drug market, covering trends along the supply chain from production and trafficking to marketing, distribution and consumption.

Capacity building: To support EU-wide capacity-building exercises for law enforcement, the EMCDDA provides technical expertise to initiatives such as CEPOL training activities and technical assistance projects in non-EU countries. The new EMCDDA project 'EU4Monitoring-Drugs' will be developed in Eastern and Southern Partnership countries and will explore the links between the security and health threats posed by the drug phenomenon. Close cooperation with Europol, Frontex and CEPOL will be an important part of this project.

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CEPOL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Budapest, Hungary
Established in 2000

Who we are

CEPOL is an agency of the European Union dedicated to develop, implement and coordinate training for law enforcement officials. We bring together a network of EU based law enforcement training institutes and support them in providing frontline training on security priorities, law enforcement cooperation and information exchange.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our key activities:

- **A wide range of training opportunities and an exchange programme for law enforcement officials**

Over 20 000 law enforcement (LE) officials participated in the training activities organized by CEPOL in 2018 across Europe and online (residential activities, webinars, online courses). Furthermore, over 500 LE officials took part in our flagship CEPOL Exchange Programme within the EU, its candidate countries or Eastern Partnership partners.

- **Financial Investigation In-Service Training Western Balkans**

CEPOL in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has launched a programme dedicated to building capacity in the field of Financial Investigations in the Western Balkan countries under the framework of the Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG), with over 100 participants and exchanges in 2018.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

In 2018, CEPOL has piloted the first EU Strategic Training Needs Assessment (EU-STNA) consultation in cooperation with the Member States and stakeholders, particularly Europol and Frontex.

Additionally, we maintain and develop the JHA Training Matrix, an online repository of all training delivered by the JHA agencies.

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EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION

The Hague, the Netherlands
Established in 1994

Making Europe safer

Europol connects national law enforcement authorities such as police forces, customs, gendarmerie and security services. The Agency supports EU Member States in their fight against serious and organised crime, terrorism and crime affecting a common interest of the Union. Through its analytical and coordination capabilities, Europol is the central nervous system of EU law enforcement intelligence.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities:

- **Law enforcement join forces to fight crime on a global scale**

EMPACT Firearms and Europol coordinated Joint Action Days in the fight against crime originating from the Western Balkans. For four days 8 300 officers from 28 countries and parties, Frontex and INTERPOL, worked together to fight the illegal trafficking of firearms and drugs, facilitated illegal migration and document fraud.

- **Trace an Object campaign**

This campaign sources knowledge from the general public and helps investigators identify child sex offenders and save victims. Since the launch of the campaign in June 2017, more than 22 000 tips have been received, which have resulted in a number of investigations.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

During Joint Action Days (JADs), Europol supports EU Member States in cross-border operations focusing on key crime hotspots and criminal networks across the EU. Frontex and Eurojust also participate in these operational actions.

With the Intellectual Property Crime Coordinated Coalition Europol cooperates with the European Union Intellectual Property Office to fight intellectual property crime.

Europol works closely with other EU bodies such as for example, the EMCCDDA in producing strategic documents on crime trends.

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Vienna, Austria
Established in 2007

Who we are

FRA helps defend the fundamental rights of all people living in the EU. We collect and analyse law and data and provide independent, evidence-based support and expertise on fundamental rights. These are enshrined in the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights. We engage with stakeholders from the local to international level. Our team shares advice with policy- and decision-makers.



Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities:

- **Severe labour exploitation – workers' perspectives (SELEX II)**

The project explores criminal labour exploitation of EU and non-EU workers. Building on previous research based on interviews with professionals, SELEX II is based on the experience of exploited workers and collects information on the nature of, and responses to severe labour exploitation.

- **Responding to the 2015 asylum emergency - assessing the long-term impact on fundamental rights**

The project explores what happened to young people aged 16-24 who sought asylum in the EU as part of the large-scale arrivals in 2015-2016 and who have received or are likely to receive international protection. The project looks at policies related to residence permits, family reunification, education, housing and social assistance in six EU Member States.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

The data that the FRA collects and analyses provides evidence that can aid JHA agencies when they formulate operational responses by, for example, highlighting the victim's viewpoint. FRA also provides fundamental rights analysis and proposals for the integration or mainstreaming of a fundamental rights dimension into JHA agencies' activities

FRA continues to provide expertise to support the work of national authorities and other EU agencies (EASO, Europol and Frontex) in the hotspots in Greece, with a particular focus on the protection of children and vulnerable persons, including women/girls as victims of crime and sexual and gender based violence.

FRA, alongside other JHA agencies (Eurojust, Europol and CEPOL) participated in the European Commission's High Level Expert Group on Radicalisation, which released its final report in May 2018.

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EUROJUST

The Hague, the Netherlands
Established in 2002

Who we are

Eurojust supports and strengthens coordination and cooperation between national investigating and prosecuting authorities in the fight against serious cross-border crime.

We are a bridge-maker between the different legal systems and practices in the European Union. We build trust between Member States and foster the shaping of a solid, joint criminal justice response to defeat criminal networks, convict the criminals involved and ensure security and justice to our fellow EU citizens.

Cooperation with Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies

After the reform of Europol and Frontex, as well as the creation of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, the new legal framework for Eurojust completes the EU criminal justice landscape, paving the way for stepping up cooperation.

Eurojust looks forward to hosting JHA agencies network in 2020 and to welcoming the European Public Prosecutor's Office as new partner in the network.

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Highlights 2018

A couple of examples of our activities:

- **Report on Eurojust's casework in the field of prevention and resolution and Guidelines for deciding 'Which Jurisdiction Should Prosecute?'**

The increase in cross-border crime has led over the years to more cases in which multiple Member States have, under their domestic legislation, jurisdiction to prosecute and to take such cases to trial. To ensure that the most effective practices with regard to criminal proceedings are in place in the European Union, Eurojust published and updated the guidelines, available in all the official languages.

- **Report on Eurojust's casework in the field of migrant smuggling and meeting of national practitioners and EU actors**

The complexity of migrant smuggling cases calls for an international approach to unravel the highly sophisticated organised crime groups involved in migrant smuggling. Eurojust encourages Member States to make use of judicial cooperation instruments (joint investigation teams, European Arrest Warrant, European Investigation Order) and exchange information and best practice.