



23 January 2020

To the Chair(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

In the framework provided by Article 51 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/794 on Europol, we are pleased to invite you to the 6th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), which will take place on 22 - 23 March 2020 in Zagreb, Croatia.

The Meeting will have on its agenda a number of specific issues directly arising from the JPSG prerogatives according to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, including a presentation by Catherine DE BOLLE, Executive Director of Europol. Keynote interventions will be delivered by Ylva JOHANSSON, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, and Davor BOŽINOVIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia and Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia, focusing on the future EU Internal Security Strategy and the future role of Europol. The thematic debate is dedicated to innovation and research at Europol.

Please find attached the draft programme of the Meeting as agreed with the Presidential Troika.

Written questions

According to Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we kindly draw your attention to the right to address oral and written questions to Europol. Please find attached the Guide for Members on JPSG Written and Oral Questions, as agreed by the Co-Chairs, explaining the procedure of submitting questions.

In line with the Guide, we would like to ask you to **submit your written questions** to the JPSG Secretariat by **4 February 2020 at the latest**.

Documents by delegations

If delegations wish to send us their documents relating to any item on the agenda in line with Article 4.6.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we invite them to do so by 21 February 2020 at the latest.

General aspects

According to Article 4.3 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, the working languages of the JPSG are English and French, therefore we would like to ask the delegations to submit all written questions and documents in one of these two languages. The e-mail addresses are the following: jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu and jpsg@parleu2020.sabor.hr.

All documents submitted by Europol for the Meeting in line with Article 51.3 of the Europol Regulation, as well as all written questions, received replies, documents submitted by the delegations to the JPSG and other relevant documents will be published on the IPEX JPSG website ahead of the Meeting.

In addition, please find attached Practical Information for the Meeting. Further practical details will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services and published on IPEX JPSG website and the Croatian Parliament's presidency website.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs **European Parliament**

Draft programme of the 6th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group Annex 1: (JPSG)

Guide for Members on JPSG Written and Oral Questions

Practical Information for the Meeting