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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Saskia Bricmont**

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Discharge 2021: European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation

(Eurojust)

(2022/2120(DEC))



**Amendment 1**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors (the ‘Court’) has declared the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) for the financial year 2021 to be legal and regular in all material respects; notes that its budget in 2021 increased from EUR 51 million to EUR 57 million (+11.76%) while its staff increased from 242 to 254 (+4.95%);

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1. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors (the ‘Court’) has declared the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) for the financial year 2021 to be legal and regular in all material respects; notes that its budget in 2021 increased from EUR 51 million to EUR 57 million (+11.76%) while its staff increased from 242 to 254 (+4.95%); ***whereas casework increased by 15%; welcomes that Eurojust implemented 99.97% of its final budget, excluding external assigned revenue, and cancelled only 2.6% of the EUR 6.2 million carried-over from 2020<sup>1a</sup>***;

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<sup>1a</sup> *Source: Eurojust Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021 p 3.*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Michal Šimečka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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million *to EUR 57 million (+11.76%)* while its staff increased from 242 to 254 (+4.95%);

*expenditure*, its budget in 2021 increased *to EUR 53.3 million, representing an increase of 27.81% compared to 2020*, while its staff increased from 242 to 254 (+4.95%);

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Michal Šimečka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that Eurojust is among the EU agencies for which the Court reported contracts affected by public procurement shortcomings; notes, in particular, that a procurement procedure for leasing of vehicles was irregular and that all subsequent payments made based on this framework contract were irregular; notes that with regard to the Court' ongoing observation from 2020 on the legality and regularity of transactions, the status of corrective action is reportedly ongoing;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that Eurojust is among the EU agencies for which the Court reported contracts affected by public procurement shortcomings; notes, in particular, that a procurement procedure for leasing of vehicles was irregular and that all subsequent payments made based on this framework contract were irregular; notes that with regard to the Court' ongoing observation from 2020 on the legality and regularity of transactions, the status of corrective action is reportedly ongoing; ***underlines that such situations may cause reputational damage to Eurojust; calls on Eurojust to report to the discharge authority about the progress of the corrective actions undertaken;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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agencies for which the Court reported contracts affected by public procurement shortcomings; notes ***that audit report for the 2020 financial year considered*** procurement procedure for leasing of vehicles ***as*** irregular and that all subsequent payments made based on this framework contract were irregular; notes that with regard to the ***Court's*** ongoing observation from 2020 on the legality and regularity of transactions, the status of corrective action is reportedly ongoing ***and remedies have been already foreseen;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**José Gusmão**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Is concerned that the Court noted that Eurojust signed a framework contract with a single company for the leasing of vehicles, as the vehicle-leasing market is subject to frequent fluctuations in price, Eurojust should have reopened the procurement procedure when a vehicle was required;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Assita Kanko**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Appreciates Eurojust's extensive activities in supporting and coordinating

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the work of national judicial authorities in investigating and prosecuting transnational crime **and particularly in the fight against terrorism and serious organised crime involving more than one EU country**; welcomes that in 2021 the agency offered support to over 10 000 cross-border criminal investigations, provided 1 928 rapid responses to judicial cooperation requests and participated in over 1 400 large-scale operations and guaranteed legal, financial and/or operational support to 254 joint investigation teams;

Or. en

### **Amendment 7** **Tomáš Zdechovský**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Appreciates Eurojust's extensive activities in supporting and coordinating the work of national judicial authorities in investigating and prosecuting **transnational** crime; welcomes that in 2021 the agency offered support to over 10 000 cross-border criminal investigations, provided 1 928 rapid responses to judicial cooperation requests and participated in over 1 400 large-scale operations and guaranteed legal, financial and/or operational support to 254 joint investigation teams;

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3. Appreciates Eurojust's extensive activities in supporting and coordinating the work of national judicial authorities in investigating and prosecuting **serious cross-border organized** crime; welcomes that in 2021 the agency offered, **for the first time in its history**, support to over 10 000 cross-border criminal investigations, provided 1 928 rapid responses to judicial cooperation requests and participated in over 1 400 large-scale operations and guaranteed legal, financial and/or operational support to 254 joint investigation teams;

Or. en

### **Amendment 8** **Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Michal Šimečka**

#### **Draft opinion**

## Paragraph 4

### *Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes the working arrangement with European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) signed in February 2021 and the close cooperation with the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), and the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS);

### *Amendment*

4. Welcomes the working arrangement with European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) signed in February 2021 and the close cooperation with the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), and the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS); **welcomes that Eurojust continued to cooperate with the European Judicial network (EJN), bringing the number of cases referred to the EJN to 44 in 2021;**

Or. en

## Amendment 9

Tomáš Zdechovský

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 4

### *Draft opinion*

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### *Amendment*

4. Welcomes the working arrangement with European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) signed in February 2021 and the close cooperation with the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) **and encourages further development of operational cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex);**

Or. en

## Amendment 10

Tomáš Zdechovský

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes that Eurojust and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) intend to increase their cooperation in the future; supports the perspective of strengthened cooperation between Eurojust and the FRA, in particular with regard to detention conditions problems, access to lawyers, and victims' rights.

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5. Welcomes that Eurojust and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) intend to increase their cooperation in the future; supports the perspective of strengthened cooperation between Eurojust and the FRA, in particular with regard to detention conditions problems, access to lawyers, and victims' rights; ***furthermore welcomes and encourages further developed operational cooperation with Europol;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Jean-Paul Garraud**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Welcomes*** that Eurojust and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) intend to increase their cooperation in the future; ***supports the perspective of strengthened cooperation between Eurojust and the FRA, in particular with regard to detention conditions problems, access to lawyers, and victims' rights.***

*Amendment*

5. ***Expresses regret at the fact*** that Eurojust and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) intend to increase their cooperation in the future; ***notes that this agency uses fundamental rights to impede the work of law enforcement agencies.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**  
**Caterina Chinnici**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Notes that in 2021 EDPS' first data protection audit of Eurojust's data protection activities took place, and that the EDPS found that, overall, Eurojust's compliance with the data protection framework was satisfactory, with no critical issues;**

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Jadwiga Wiśniewska**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Stresses that financial regulation and high management standards has to be respected by all the EU's institutions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 14**

**Assita Kanko**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b. Stresses that financial regulation and high management standards has to be respected by all the EU's institutions;**

Or. en