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Draft Declaration and the Roadmap towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

GENERAL PRESENTATION

EuroMed Justice has a regional scope, covering the European Neighbourhood South Partner Countries (SPCs): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia. Syria's participation is suspended.

EuroMed Justice is funded by the European Union, having as the main goal to contribute to the development of a Euro-Mediterranean effective, efficient and protective to the human rights judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters.

EuroMed Justice's objective is to build the fundamentals for a Euro-Mediterranean, cross-regional mechanism of judicial and law enforcement cooperation composed of criminal justice professionals (judges, prosecutors, legal advisors from the Justice Ministries, and law enforcement officers).

The mechanism should be directly connected with and supported by *Eurojust* and the *European Judicial Network in criminal matters (EJN)*. Besides *Eurojust* and *EJN*, some of the activities are developed in cooperation with the *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)*, the *United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED)*, and the *International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)*.

CrimEx (EuroMed Justice's Group of Experts in criminal matters) – is placed at the core of EuroMed judicial and law enforcement mechanism of cooperation and coordination.

CrimEx exercises the SPCs' ownership in the implementation of the project activities and the monitoring of the results. For two years, during eight sessions, benefiting from Eurojust, EJN, CoE and UN support, CrimEx functions as a real think-tank and a regional forum to build the trust and mutual confidence, to exchange good practices and lessons learned, to carry out thorough analyses of the situation in each SPC and in the whole region, to set up specific recommendations, guidelines, manuals, studies, and research.

CrimEx members are the potential Eurojust and EJN contact points, and the main constituents of the national and regional platforms of cooperation in criminal matters.

PARTICIPANTS

- CrimEx Members
- Main Stakeholders Representatives: Eurojust, European Judicial Network in criminal matters (EJN), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED), Council of Europe – Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) – and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP).
- EuroMed Police

OBJECTIVE 1: TO AGREE ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE 1ST EUROMED FORUM OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL

During the Special Session of 22 January 2018, the CrimEx representatives from the national prosecution services have **to finalise the draft Declaration** of the 1st EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General.

The draft of the Declaration has been prepared by the Project Management Team and sent in advance for comments. The Declaration commits, *inter alia*, the Prosecutors General:

- to share experience and good practices in judicial cooperation in criminal matters, the use of mutual legal assistance instruments, and the use of investigation techniques in investigating and prosecuting serious and organised crime;
- to discuss relevant regional and cross-regional trends of cross-border crime and the policy initiatives to counter them, assess their impact on the work of prosecutorial authorities, and formulate common observations or opinions.
- to provide high level judicial input and actively contribute to the development and implementation of cross-regional cooperation.

OBJECTIVE 2: FINALISING THE DRAFT OF THE ROADMAP TOWARDS THE EUROMED FORUM OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL

During the Special Session of 22 January 2018 the CrimEx representatives from the national prosecution services have the following tasks:

1. To **finalise the proposals for the Roadmap** containing the main steps for the creation of the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General;
2. The Draft of the Roadmap was prepared by the Project Management Team and sent in advance to the Prosecutors General, CrimEx, Eurojust, EJN, and other international organisations for written comments;
3. The amended draft will be debated and a consensus reached prior to the Prosecutors General's Forum of 23rd January 2018.

METHODOLOGY:

The 5th Special CrimEx Session will be moderated by EuroMed Justice PMT.

CrimEx representatives from the national prosecution services have to present the position of their respective national prosecution authorities and reach the consensus regarding the content of the Road Map and the Declaration.

The CrimEx representatives from the Ministries of Justice and the Judiciary, the representatives from Eurojust, EJM, and other international organisations are invited to present their comments regarding the content of the Declaration and Road Map.

The Fifth Session of CrimEx will take place in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and French.

EXPERTS

- EU Agencies and International Organisations:
 - Eurojust
 - European Judicial Network in criminal matters
 - UN (UNODC, CTED)
 - Council of Europe (CCEP)
 - International Association of Prosecutors

- EuroMed Justice Key Experts:
 - *Mrs. Victoria PALAU – Team Leader (FIIAPP - Spain)*
 - *Mr. Virgil IVAN-CUCU – Capacity Building Expert (EIPA - Luxembourg)*
 - *Mrs. Dania SAMOUL – Coordinator (FIIAPP - Spain)*

- EuroMed Police Team Leader:
 - *Mr. Michel QUILLÉ*

Monday 22nd January 2018

08.15 Departure by bus to the Spanish General Prosecutor's Office

09.00 **Opening and Welcome**

09.15 **Introduction of the 5th CrimEx Special Session by the EuroMed Justice Key Experts**

- Presentation of the drafts on the Roadmap and the Declaration

09.30 **(I) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft Declaration** of the 1st EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

Tour de table: CrimEx representatives of the prosecution authorities from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, and Jordan

10.30 **(II) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft Declaration** of the 1st EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

Tour de table: CrimEx representatives of the prosecution authorities from Morocco, Lebanon, Palestine, and Tunisia

11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.50 **(III) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft Declaration** of the 1st EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

CrimEx representatives from the Ministries of Justice and the Judiciary are invited to present their comments

Representatives of: Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, IAP, and other international organisations are invited to present their comments.

12.15 **Approval of the draft Declaration of the 1st EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General**

12.45 **Lunch Break**

14.00 **(IV) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft of the Roadmap** towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

Tour de table: CrimEx representatives of the prosecution authorities from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, and Jordan

15.00 **(V) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft of the Roadmap** towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

Tour de table: CrimEx representatives of the prosecution authorities from, Morocco, Lebanon, Palestine, and Tunisia

16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.20 **(VI) CrimEx Special Session – debates on the draft of the Roadmap** towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

CrimEx representatives from the Ministries of Justice and the Judiciary are invited to present their comments

Representatives of: Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, IAP, and other international organisations are invited to present their comments.

17.00 **Approval of the draft of the Roadmap towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General**

17.30 Departure by bus to the Hotel

20.00 Welcome cocktail – dinner

***** End of the 5th CrimEx Special Session *****