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**THE CRIMEX DOCS
AND
THE EUROMED ROADMAPS**

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PROGRAMME

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OBJECTIVE 1. Finalising the EuroMed CrimEx docs

GENERAL PRESENTATION

CrimEx docs are "pioneer documents" in the Euro-Mediterranean region. They constitute major analytical, comparative and practical tools for cross-regional cooperation in criminal matters.

The CrimEx docs would not exist without the positive atmosphere, the trust and the confidence progressively installed amid the dialogue of the CrimEx members with the Eurojust, EJM Secretariat and Contact Points, UN-CTED, UNODC, IAP, EU Member States liaison magistrates, contact points, judges, prosecutors and legal advisors.

CrimEx docs are designed to be used by central and other competent national judicial authorities, the criminal justice practitioners, including judges and prosecutors who are involved in international legal assistance.

WHAT ARE THE CRIMEX DOCS

EUROMED FICHES – it is a comparative tool of the SPCs' systems of cooperation in criminal matters

1. Scope
 - a. To update and supplement the 2014 *EuroMed Fiches* created following the EJM model of the *Fiches Belges*.
 - b. To support the mutual knowledge of the SPCs' judicial cooperation systems,
 - c. To explore the possible inter-connection of the *EuroMed Fiches* with the *EJM Fiches Belges*
2. Methodology
 - a. Use of the methodological model of the EJM in criminal matters
 - b. Use of the model of the EJM Excel questionnaires
 - c. Avoid duplication and overlapping with the Legal and Gaps Analyses

LEGAL AND GAPS ANALYSES – are comparative tools regarding the SPCs legislation, procedures and practice

1. Scope
 - a. Legal Analysis is a tool comparing the differences and similarities between national legislations and proceedings of the SPCs, mapping the status of ratification and implementation of relevant bilateral or multilateral treaties and conventions.
 - b. Gap Analysis assess the capacities existing in the SPCs with regard to the multidisciplinary investigation and prosecution of complex transnational judicial cases.

2. Methodology

- a. Legal and Gaps Analyses should be developed in conjunction.
- b. Legal Analysis constitutes the prerequisite for the Gaps Analysis, the EuroMed Handbook and the update of the EuroMed Fiches.
- c. Address practical difficulties experienced by the SPCs and EU MS.
- d. Identify the good practices in cooperation.
- e. Collect relevant information on practical cases and experiences.

Legal and Gaps Analyses MODULES

1. **Mutual Legal Assistance** in criminal matters
2. **Confiscation** of the Proceeds of Crime, **Assets Recovery** and **Joint Investigation Teams**
3. **Extradition**, Transfer of Criminal Proceedings, Transfer of Sentenced Persons
4. **Special Investigations Techniques**
5. **Cybercrime**
6. **Terrorist Financing**
7. **Countering Terrorism**
 - Scope of terrorist offences
 - Action plans for the prevention of violent extremism
 - Foreign terrorist fighters

HANDBOOK on judicial cooperation in criminal matters

The EuroMed Handbook offers a systematic guidance on best practice for initiating and following-up official/formal cooperation procedures as a requested and requesting state. It contains the coordinates of SPCs contact points, case studies and the best practices from organisations specialised in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters.

The Handbook will also refer to existing resources to prevent duplication, such as:

- Websites (e.g. EJM Atlas, UNODC Sherlock database)
- Guides produced by SCPs (Israel, Jordan and Tunisia) and EU member States
- Templates (e.g. UNODC MLA Request Writer Tool)

The CrimEx documents will be translated into Arabic.

OBJECTIVE 2. Finalising the Tallinn ROADMAP

On 21st-23rd November 2017, CrimEx held its 4th Session under the auspices of the EU Estonian Presidency in Tallinn (Estonia) and back to back with the 49th European Judicial Network (EJM) Plenary Meeting. This fourth session was jointly organised with EJM.

CrimEx 4 focused on the “Roadmap for a EuroMed Judicial Platform”. CrimEx had direct contacts and dynamic exchanges of views with the representatives of Eurojust, the EJM Secretariat, UNODC and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) regarding the participation in networks for judicial cooperation in criminal matters and the coordination among such networks. A Roadmap has been drafted and amended consequence to the proposals received. Its last version sent in advance to the CrimEx should be further discussed and approved during the 6th CrimEx session.

OBJECTIVE 3. IMPLEMENTING THE EUROMED JUSTICE ROADMAPS

3.1 NATIONAL REPORTS

PRESENTATION OF THE MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAASTRICHT ROADMAP ON NATIONAL COORDINATION

According to the measures approved through the MAASTRICHT ROADMAP ON NATIONAL COORDINATION each **SPCs will present a short National Report containing the updates on the implementation of the 4 measures mentioned in the Roadmap.**

The National Report should contain the following information:

MEASURE A

Coordination Meetings at National level within the criminal justice professional categories: judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and police convened in 2018.

MEASURE B

Which national institutions contributed and provided comments and feedback for the development of the **analytical documents** and **practical tools with EuroMed Justice**:

- EuroMed Justice Legal and Gaps Analyses,
- EuroMed Fiches,
- EuroMed Handbook on judicial cooperation.

MEASURE C

Developing the capacities:

- **Training** of the network members/contact points in the **specialisation area**;
- **Training** of the network members/contact points in the **judicial and law enforcement cooperation**;
- **Training sessions, study visits, seminars and workshops** on the topics identified as priority issues during CrimEx Sessions (i.e. transnational crime in general, cybercrime, terrorism, money laundering, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings).
- **Coordination with other projects**

MEASURE D

National **coordinated operations** or **task forces organised**

3.2 DEBATES ON THE ROADMAP TOWARDS EUROMED FORUM OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL

CRIMEX WILL DISCUSS THE MAIN TASKS ENTRUSTED BY THE EUROMED FORUM OF PROSECUTORS GENERAL AND THE WAYS TO APPLY THEM

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) and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP).
- EuroMed Police
- Portuguese representatives

METHODOLOGY

The 6th CrimEx Session will be chaired by the Presidium.

CrimEx representatives have to present the position of their respective national authorities and reach the consensus regarding the content of documents presented.

The representatives from Eurojust, EJN, and other international organisations are invited to present their comments regarding the above mentioned objectives.

The Sixth 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
 - UNODC
 - UNCTED
 - International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)
- 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:
 - *Mr. Michel QUILLÉ - Team Leader*
 - *Mr. Carlos Carlos GARCIA - Capacity Building Expert*

THURSDAY 26th APRIL 2018

09.00 – 09.15 Opening and welcome

Ms. Francisca VAN DUNEM, Ministry of Justice from Portugal

09.15 – 09.30 **Introduction of the 6th CrimEx Session by the EuroMed Justice Key Experts**

- Presentation of the CrimEx docs and the Roadmaps:
- CrimEx Presidium

09.30 – 10.30 **(I) CrimEx debates on the CrimEx docs**

CrimEx representatives of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan

10.30 – 11.30 **(II) CrimEx debates on the CrimEx docs**

CrimEx representatives of Morocco, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia

11.30 – 11.50 **Coffee Break**

11.50 – 12.15 **CrimEx debates on the Tallinn Roadmap**

CrimEx representatives are invited to present their comments

Representatives of: Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, UNCTED, IAP, and other participants

12.15 – 12.45 **Approval of the CrimEx docs and the Tallinn Roadmap**

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00 – 15.00 **Presentation of the National Reports on the measures taken for the implementation of the Maastricht Roadmap on National Coordination**

Tour de table: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon.

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

15.00 – 16.00 **CrimEx debates on the implementation of the Roadmap** towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General

CrimEx representatives from prosecution services

16.00 – 16.20 **Coffee Break**

- 16.20 – 17.00 **CrimEx debates on the implementation 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, UNCTED, IAP, and other participants
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Approval of the CrimEx decisions regarding the CrimEx docs, the Tallinn Roadmap and the implementation of the Roadmap towards the EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General**

*** End of the 6th CrimEx Session ***