

# EuroMed Justice Programme

*Building capacities for a Euro-Mediterranean, cross-regional mechanism for judicial cooperation in criminal matters*

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## WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME'S MAIN AIM?

EuroMed Justice (EMJ) strengthens strategic and operational cooperation among South Partner Countries, EU Member States, Eurojust, the European Judicial Network (EJN) and other EU judicial and law-enforcement cooperation agencies. It fosters relationships based on dialogue, trust and respect. Ensuring the continuity of EMJ processes as it is transferred to Eurojust is a priority for the Programme.

## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED BENEFITS?

The Programme builds sustainable cross-regional mechanisms of cooperation, strengthens regional judicial training platforms, develops practical tools facilitating cross-border cooperation, and supports joint cross-border cooperation activities.

## WHO PARTICIPATES?

High-level active criminal justice officials (judges, prosecutors and legal advisors) designated by the Ministries of Justice, Prosecution Offices and judiciary professionals from EU Member States and South Partner Countries, as well as representatives of relevant European and International Organisations.

## HOW WILL THE PROGRAMME ACHIEVE ITS GOALS?

1. **By building a sustainable coordination and cooperation mechanism that allows justice practitioners to link up and work together across regional and cross-regional platforms supported by Eurojust and the EJN.**
  - ▶ **CrimEx:** The EuroMed Justice Expert Group in Criminal Matters is a quasi-permanent board placed at the core of EuroMed's cooperation and coordination mechanism. Established in 2017, it functions as a cross-regional think-tank. Its members exercise the cross-region's ownership, steer the process of judicial cooperation and monitor its results.
  - ▶ **EMJNet:** The EuroMed Judicial Network of Contact Points, established in 2021, is CrimEx's operational interface linking national judicial authorities. Through its directory, direct contacts are established between the competent authorities and those responsible for providing legal and practical information needed to prepare effective requests for judicial cooperation.
  - ▶ **EuroMed Forum of Prosecutors General.** First held in 2018, this annual high-level meeting involving Prosecutors General of EU Member States and South Partner Countries, is organised to assure political and strategic ownership and offer opportunities for bilateral discussion and interaction on high-level cases.
  - ▶ **Eurojust** contributes to building capacity in South Partner Countries and EU Member States to efficiently address serious crime through effective cross-border judicial cooperation. Its involvement encourages the participation of Member State authorities, as well as relevant networks and platforms.



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2. By offering training and exchanges, including joint trainings on specific areas of interest to practitioners from South Partner Countries and EU Member States, study visits and *ad hoc* technical assistance activities.
3. By creating practical tools that facilitate cross-border cooperation. CrimEx documents and publications, such as manuals, guidelines, legal and gap analyses, EuroMed fiches, and a Digital Evidence Manual are regularly updated.
4. By organising joint cross-border cooperation activities. CrimEx and EMJNet identify practical solutions for parallel investigations, collection and analyses of statistical data on cooperation.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**South Partner Countries :** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia

**EU Member States :** Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, The Netherlands

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