

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2018/0807(CNS)
Awaiting final decision	
Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania	
Subject 7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters	
Geographical area Albania	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		09/07/2018
		 FERRARA Laura Shadow rapporteur  ŠTĚTINA Jaromír  BEŇOVÁ Monika	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Justice and Consumers	Commissioner JOUROVÁ Věra	

Key events			
28/05/2018	Legislative proposal published	08688/2018	Summary
11/06/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/09/2018	Vote in committee		
06/09/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0275/2018	Summary
13/09/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/09/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0347/2018	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2018/0807(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 039-p1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	LIBE/8/13541

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		06662/2018	26/03/2018	CSL	
Legislative proposal		08688/2018	28/05/2018	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE626.841	13/08/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0275/2018	06/09/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0347/2018	13/09/2018	EP	Summary

Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion by Eurojust of the agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania.

PROPOSED ACT: Council implementing decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: [Decision 2002/187/JHA](#) provides that Eurojust may conclude agreements with third States and organisations. Such agreements may concern the exchange of information, including personal data and the secondment of liaison officers or liaison magistrates to Eurojust. Such agreements may only be concluded after consultation by Eurojust with the Joint Supervisory Body concerning the provisions on data protection and after approval by the Council.

In order to strengthen its capacity to work with Albania, Eurojust has negotiated an agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania.

Albania has ratified the Council of Europe Convention and its Additional Protocol, regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows. The Joint Supervisory Body of Eurojust gave a positive opinion on the provisions of the agreement concerning data protection.

The agreement was approved by the College of Eurojust on 19 September 2017.

CONTENT: under the draft Council implementing Decision, Eurojust shall be authorised to conclude the agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania.

The agreement includes provisions on the exchange of personal data.

Denmark, the United Kingdom and Ireland shall take part in the adoption and application of this Decision.

Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted, under a special legislative procedure (Parliaments consultation), the report by Laura FERRARA (EFD, IT) on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and Albania.

The committee recommended that Parliament approve the Council draft on the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania with a view to strengthening judicial cooperation in the fight against serious crime, in particular organised crime and terrorism.

The Eurojust-Albania Cooperation agreement follows the model of similar agreements concluded by Eurojust in the past (for example, Eurojust-FYROM, Eurojust-US, EurojustNorway, Eurojust-Switzerland, etc.). These cooperation agreements provide, inter alia, for liaison officers, contact points and the exchange of information.

The explanatory statement accompanying the report recalls that, according to the UN and Europol Albanian criminal groups are among internationally leading ones in the trafficking of heroin, cocaine, and cannabis (UN Office on Drugs and Crimes 2017 report; see also the EU Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment 2017). And according, for example, to the US Department of State organised crime continues to remain a concern for most Albanians with a network of criminal organisations involved in drug trafficking, extortion, bribery, money laundering, prostitution, and human trafficking. In addition, Albania has been a candidate country for EU membership since 2014.

The conclusion of the agreement will foster the fight against such crime and is in the interest of Albania and EU Member States as organised crime is a transnational problem.

Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania

The European Parliament adopted by 541 votes to 21 with 17 abstentions, under a special legislative procedure (Parliaments consultation), a legislative resolution on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and Albania.

Parliament approved the Council draft on the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania with a view to strengthening judicial cooperation in the fight against serious crime, in particular organised crime and terrorism.