







Procedure file

| Basic information | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| |  Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs |  FERRARA Laura | 09/07/2018 |
| | | Shadow rapporteur | |
| | |  ŠTĚTINA Jaromír | |
| | |  BEŇOVÁ Monika | |
| | |  CHRYSOGONOS Kostas | |
| | 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 | | | |
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| 28/05/2018 | Legislative proposal published | 08688/2018 | Summary |
| 11/06/2018 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | |
| 03/09/2018 | Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading | | |
| 06/09/2018 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A8-0275/2018 | Summary |
| 13/09/2018 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | T8-0347/2018 | Summary |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2018/0807(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |

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| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 039-p1 |
| Modified legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 150 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Awaiting final decision |
| Committee dossier | LIBE/8/13541 |

Documentation gateway

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| 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 |

2018/0807(CNS) - 28/05/2018 Legislative proposal

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.

2018/0807(CNS) - 06/09/2018 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

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, Eurojust-Norway, 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.

2018/0807(CNS) - 13/09/2018 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

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.