2008 discharge: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

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PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of EUROJUST for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of EUROJUST's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that EUROJUST's final budget amounted to EUR 24.8 million in 2008 (compared to EUR 18.9 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, EUROJUST, whose head office is based in The Hague (The Netherlands), set out 175 posts in its establishment plan of which 130 are currently occupied. 43 other posts (contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff) as well as 49 other staff members (National members, Liaison prosecutors, deputies and assistants) are also occupied totalling 222 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2008, EUROJUST's main activities concentrated on bilateral and multilateral cooperation operations with regard to:

- 168 standard cases;
- 1 025 complex cases.

Total number of cases: 1 193 in the following areas:

- Fraud: 810 cases;
- Drug trafficking: 223 cases;
- Terrorism: 23 cases;
- Murder: 86 cases;
- Trafficking in human beings: 83 cases.

In total, members met 131 times in the course of 2008.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.eurojust.europa.eu/adm_budg_finance.htm