Fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation: unit Eurojust. Initiative Portugal, France, Sweden, Belgium

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The Council produced a draft Decision on Eurojust taking into account the Opinion of the European Parliament. This draft includes environmental crime as part of the general competence of Eurojust. It also provides that Eurojust shall maintain close co-operation with OLAF. To that end, OLAF may contribute to Eurojust's work on the initiative of either organisation. Eurojust acting as a College has the power to set up a joint investigation team in keeping with the relevant cooperation instruments. Eurojust's tasks are separated into two categories: those which are undertaken through one or more of the national members, or as a College. The length of a national member's term of office is to be determined by the Member State of origin; it must allow Eurojust to operate properly. The College shall consist of all the national members. Each Member State may appoint one or more national correspondent. It shall be a matter of high priority to appoint such a correspondent for terrorism matters. The College will elect a President from among the national members, and may, if it considers it necessary, elect at most two Vice-Presidents. The term of office of the President will be three years, and he may be re-elected once. The term for any Vice-President will be governed by the rules of procedure.