

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

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>LIBE</b>	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		
			Shadow rapporteur ŠTĚTINA Jaromír (PPE) BEŇOVÁ Monika (S&D) CHRYSOGONOS Kostas (GUE/NGL)	
<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	
<b>JURI</b>	Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Justice and Consumers		JOUROVÁ Věra	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
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	<a href="#">A8-0275/2018</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/09/2018	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0347/2018</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/09/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2018/0807(CNS)
<b>Procedure type</b>	CNS - Consultation procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Decision
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 039-p1
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Awaiting final decision
<b>Committee dossier</b>	LIBE/8/13541

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE626.841</a>	13/08/2018	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0275/2018</a>	06/09/2018	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0347/2018</a>	13/09/2018	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">06662/2018</a>	26/03/2018		
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">08688/2018</a>	28/05/2018	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

## Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania

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 (Parliament's 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 Crime's 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

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.

## Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Albania

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 (Parliament's 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.