





Basic information	
<p>2024/0155(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU–Lebanon Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and the authorities of Lebanon competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Lebanon</p>	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/07/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0281 	Summary
10/12/2025	Legislative proposal published	13619/2024	
27/01/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

06/05/2026	Vote in committee		
07/05/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0132/2026	
20/05/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0177/2026	Summary
20/05/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/06/2026	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
03/07/2026	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2024/0155(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 085-p1-a3 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 016-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 085-p1-a2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/10/00458

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE786.905	10/04/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0132/2026	07/05/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0177/2026	20/05/2026	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	13619/2024	10/12/2025		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0280 	10/07/2024		
Preparatory document	COM(2024)0281 	10/07/2024	Summary	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

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EU–Lebanon Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and the authorities of Lebanon competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters

2024/0155(NLE) - 10/07/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to approve the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the authorities of the Republic of Lebanon competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: since the entry into application of the Eurojust Regulation on 12 December 2019 and pursuant to the Treaties, the Commission is responsible, on behalf of the Union, for negotiating international agreements with third countries for the cooperation and exchange of personal data with Eurojust.

In order to strengthen the judicial cooperation between Eurojust and selected third countries, the Commission adopted a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for Agreements between the European Union and Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of those third States.

Negotiations with Lebanon began in December 2022. After the second and last round of negotiations, which was held in July 2023, the negotiators reached a preliminary agreement on 11 October 2023. The chief negotiators initialled the draft text of the Agreement.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council decide to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the authorities of the Republic of Lebanon competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

The Agreement allows the **transfer of personal data** between Eurojust and the competent authorities of Lebanon, in order to combat serious crime and terrorism and to protect the security of the Union and its citizens.

The Agreement ensures full respect for the fundamental rights of the Union, in particular the right to respect for private and family life, as recognised by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the right to the protection of personal data and the right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial.

The proposed Decision:

- establishes the obligation of Lebanon to designate at least one contact point within its domestic competent authorities, who cannot be identical to the Liaison Prosecutor. A contact point should be designated for terrorism matters;
- provides for the secondment of the Liaison Prosecutor to Eurojust;
- provides for the conditions for the participation of representatives of Lebanon in operational and strategic meetings at Eurojust;
- provides that Eurojust may assist Lebanon to establish Joint Investigation Teams and may be requested to provide financial or technical assistance;
- provides for the option of Eurojust to post a Liaison Magistrate to Lebanon.

In particular, the agreement provides adequate safeguards for the protection of personal data transferred by Eurojust under the agreement. More specifically, the proposal:

- guarantees additional safeguards for the processing of special categories of personal data and different categories of data subject;
- limits fully automated decision-making using personal data transferred under the Agreement;
- restricts the onward transfer of the personal data received;
- provides for the right of access, including to obtain confirmation on whether personal data relating to the data subject are processed under the Agreement as well as essential information on the processing;
- provides for the right to rectification, erasure, and restriction of processing, under certain conditions;
- provides for the notification of a personal data breach affecting personal data transferred under the Agreement, ensuring that the respective competent authorities notify each other as well as their respective supervisory authority of such a breach without delay, and take measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects;
- includes rules as regards storage, review, correction and deletion of personal data;
- requires effective supervision and enforcement of compliance with the safeguards set out in the Agreement, ensuring that there is an independent public authority responsible for data protection (supervisory authority) to oversee matters affecting the privacy of individuals, including the domestic rules relevant under the Agreement to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons in relation to the processing of personal data.

EU–Lebanon Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and the authorities of Lebanon competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters

2024/0155(NLE) - 20/05/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 581 votes to 12, with 45 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Lebanese Republic on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (Eurojust) and the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The proposed Council Decision aims to approve the Agreement between the EU and the Lebanese Republic on the cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the authorities of the Lebanese Republic competent for judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

The Commission recommended opening the negotiations of the Agreement back in 2020. The Council provided its authorisation on 1 March 2021, and the negotiations started later in December 2022. After two rounds of talks, the negotiation process was successfully finalised, reaching preliminary agreement on 11 October 2023. The Agreement was adopted by the Council on 10 October 2024.

The objective of this Agreement is to enhance judicial cooperation between Eurojust and the competent authorities of Lebanon by enabling the exchange of operational information between Eurojust and the Lebanese judicial authorities, in order to support and strengthen their cooperation in investigating and prosecuting serious cross-border crime offences.

The Agreement will significantly strengthen the coordinated response of the EU and Lebanon to transnational serious crime, in particular organised crime and terrorism, including in the context of joint investigations. For this reason, Lebanon will appoint a Liaison Prosecutor to Eurojust who will work alongside the prosecutors from the EU Member States and other partner countries.

The Agreement also provides for strong safeguards on data protection and fundamental rights that comply with the European norms. The final text of the Agreement adduces adequate safeguards with respect to the protection of privacy and fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals, providing additional safeguards for the protection of personal data of EU citizens transferred by Eurojust to Lebanese authorities.