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General presentation of the CrimEx Organisation, tasks and methodology.

Elaboration of CrimEx docs on EuroMed judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters: the Gaps Analysis, the Legal Analysis and the updated EuroMed Fiches

Participants:

CrimEx Members

Objectives:

1. To introduce the general lines of CrimEx working methodology, organisation and tasks.
2. To initiate the debates on the international and national frameworks (norms, institutions and tools) that govern judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters, focussing on the practical matters pertaining to its various forms: extradition, MLA, the transfer of proceedings, the gathering of evidence, the recognition and the execution of foreign decisions.
3. To examine each SPC's national legislation transposing relevant treaties and conventions on cooperation in criminal matters.
4. To examine the practice with regard to investigation and prosecution of complex judicial cases, with a special focus on the field of counter-terrorism, fighting complex cross-border crime, organised crime, cybercrime, irregular migration, trafficking in human beings, money laundering.
5. To examine SPCs' knowledge and regional cooperation framework through the updating of the EuroMed Fiches.

Methodology:

Starting from the introductory documentation prepared in advance and the presentations made by the EuroMed Justice key experts, EU and international experts, this CrimEx Session will discuss and define:

- the scope of the Legal analysis;
- the scope of the Gaps analysis;
- the update of the EuroMed Fiches;
- agree on the methodology;
- the expected inputs-outputs; and
- the content of possible questionnaires for the SPCs.

Experts:

- EU Agencies and International Organisations:
 - Eurojust: *Mr. Francisco JIMÉNEZ-VILLAREJO* - National Member for Spain, External Relations Team
 - European Judicial Network in criminal matters: *Mrs. Maria Joao Almeida GOMES* – Secretariat Coordinator
 - UN - CTED: *Mr. Marc PORRET*, Legal and ICT Coordinator
- EuroMed Justice Key Experts:
 - *Mrs. Victoria PALAU* - Team Leader (FIIAPP - Spain)
 - *Mr. Virgil IVAN-CUCU* - Capacity Building (EIPA - Luxembourg)
 - *Mrs. Dania SAMOUL* - Coordinator (FIIAPP - Spain)
- EU and SPCs Experts:
 - The Netherlands: *Mr. Guillaume FRANSSEN*, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service
 - Spain: *Mr. David MAYOR FERNANDEZ*, Senior Public Prosecutor, Gipuzkoa Regional Public Prosecutor's Office
 - Egypt: *Associate Professor Mohamed BADAR*, Northumbria University (UK)

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Tuesday 14 March 2017

09.30 Opening & Welcome

10.00 **General presentation and introduction of the CrimEx organisation, methodology and tasks.**

- EuroMed Justice Key experts will explain in detail the objectives and the outputs, the general lines of CrimEx working methodology, CrimEx tasks and the commitment needed from the members of the CrimEx. (See the documentation sent in advance)

11.15 *Coffee Break*

11.45 **CrimEx debates** – SPCs' interventions and proposals; the adoption of the CrimEx working methodology

12.30 *Lunch Break*

14.00 EuroMed Justice Key experts will initiate the debates on the international and national frameworks (norms, institutions and tools) **that govern judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters.**

14.15 **Introduction of the international frameworks that govern judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters (I)**

- EU law, institutions and tools on cooperation in criminal matters: presentations by Eurojust and the EJM in criminal matters
- Council of Europe conventional framework and tools on cooperation in criminal matters

15.15 *Coffee Break*

15.45 **Introduction of the international frameworks that govern judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters (II)**

- UN treaty framework and tools on cooperation in criminal matters

16.15 **CrimEx debates** – SPCs' interventions and comments

17.00 *End of the first day*

Wednesday 15 March 2017

09.00 **Presentation of Synthetic National Reports** on the current situation (legislation, agencies involved, challenges, gaps, priorities) existing in the area of judicial cooperation and in the investigation and prosecution of complex criminal cases, providing an overview of the state of play and regional context in the SPCs.

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan

10.00 **Presentation of Synthetic National Reports** (*continued*):

Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Tunisia

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.30 **EU experts' presentation of the preliminary approach, outlines and proposals for the drafting of the Legal Analysis, the Gaps Analysis and the updated EuroMed Fiches**

12.45 *Lunch Break*

14.00 **CrimEx debates** and discussions to define:

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15.15 **CrimEx debates** – *Continuation*

17.00 *End of the second day*

Thursday 16 March 2017

09.00 Finalisation of the **CrimEx debates** and discussions to define:

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- the expected inputs-outputs;
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10.15 *Coffee Break*

10.45 **Drafting the recommendations and proposals** for the Legal Analysis, the Gaps Analysis and the update of the EuroMed Fiches.

12.00 **CrimEx debate** to encourage the identification of possible regional needs to be covered by the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF).

13.00 *Lunch Break*

14.15 **CrimEx debate** regarding the identification of the quantitative and qualitative indicators for the evaluation and monitoring

15.00 **Preparations for the 2nd CrimEx Session - Intersessional workings – EuroMed Justice web-site and restricted area for criminal matters**

15.30 **Adoption of the 1st CrimEx conclusions, recommendations and proposals**

16.00 *End of the 1st CrimEx Session*

Next CrimEx Session: Luxembourg (LU), 8th - 11th May 2017