

## **ECA Preliminary Observations “Europol support to fight migrant smuggling: a valued partner, but insufficient use of data sources and result measurement”**

### **EUROJUST Replies**

#### **Paragraphs 46, 67, 75 and 77**

Eurojust would like to insert the following comment: “On an *ad hoc* basis the agencies can exchange data via SIENA. In order to realise the business benefits of data exchange, the agencies are working together to improve the possibility for a more systematic exchange of data for the purpose of link-detection, on the basis of a hit/no hit system. In the longer term, a more sophisticated technical access is foreseen, but this is dependent on the pending replacement of the Eurojust Case Management System. Furthermore, the agencies are both engaged in the Commission lead Digital Criminal Justice Hit/No-hit Task Force. The task force looks to address the legal, business and technical aspects of data exchange”

#### **Paragraphs 55, 56 and Box 5**

Eurojust would like to insert the following comment: “Eurojust shares ECA’s view that the collection and follow-up of the actions performed during Joint Action Days may be more systematised and shared between the Member States involved and Eurojust. This way, both Europol and Eurojust could accurately assess the results and ensure that the required judicial cooperation support is provided to the cases stemming from the Joint Action Day. This would result in a more robust EU security chain against migrant smuggling.”

#### **Paragraph 68**

Eurojust would like to insert the following comment: “Eurojust would see added value in being further involved in operational information exchange with Europol. Bilateral cooperation would benefit from further institutional support in the participation of Eurojust at the operational meetings of the Joint Liaison Task Force.”