

**EUROJUST Intervention**  
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- For 75 years, the United Nations has been connecting people, countries and nations.
- The United Nations is the symbol for international diplomacy and this congress is another good example that only together can we address global problems like international organized crime.
- I warmly welcome the opportunity to share Eurojust's views on judicial cooperation.
- The position of prosecutors in different countries may vary greatly, but the need to work together has never been more urgent.
- Criminals increasingly operate across borders, and prosecutors have no choice but to do the same.
- However, working in a legal space with so many different legal systems, traditions and languages is a real challenge.
- Helping prosecutors overcome these differences is precisely what Eurojust is all about.
- But Eurojust is also about partnership, respect and mutual trust.
- Thanks to these three magic ingredients the level of collaboration between European Union countries is unprecedented.
- We may be the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation, but that does not mean that our work stops at EU borders.
- In an increasing number of our cases, we rely on cooperation with countries outside the European Union.
- Therefore, in years to come, we would like to further expand our cooperation with other prosecution services outside of the European continent.
- Ladies and gentlemen, so far, we are unique in the world. I hope that our model will inspire you, making it easier for judicial authorities to join forces at a global level.
- Let me extend, to you and your families, my best wishes and I hope I can welcome you soon in the city of peace and justice – The Hague.