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# THE ROLE AND TASKS OF EUROJUST

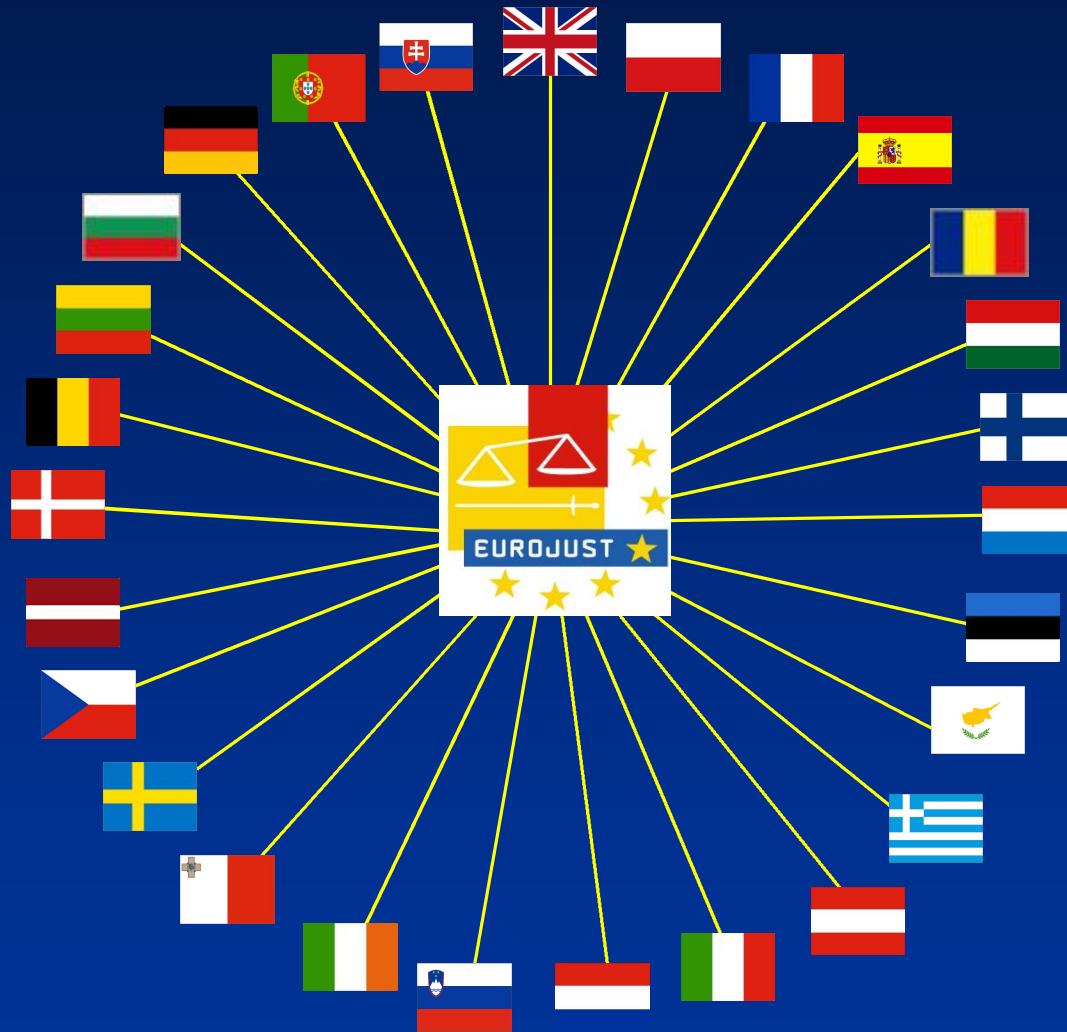
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# Eurojust



# What is Eurojust ?

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- A unit of EU prosecutors, judges or police officers of equivalent competence
- A body of the European Union with legal personality
- Financed from the general budget of the European Union
- *‘to deal more effectively with serious cross border crime, particularly when it is organised, and involves two or more Member States’*

*JHA Council Decision 14 December 2000*

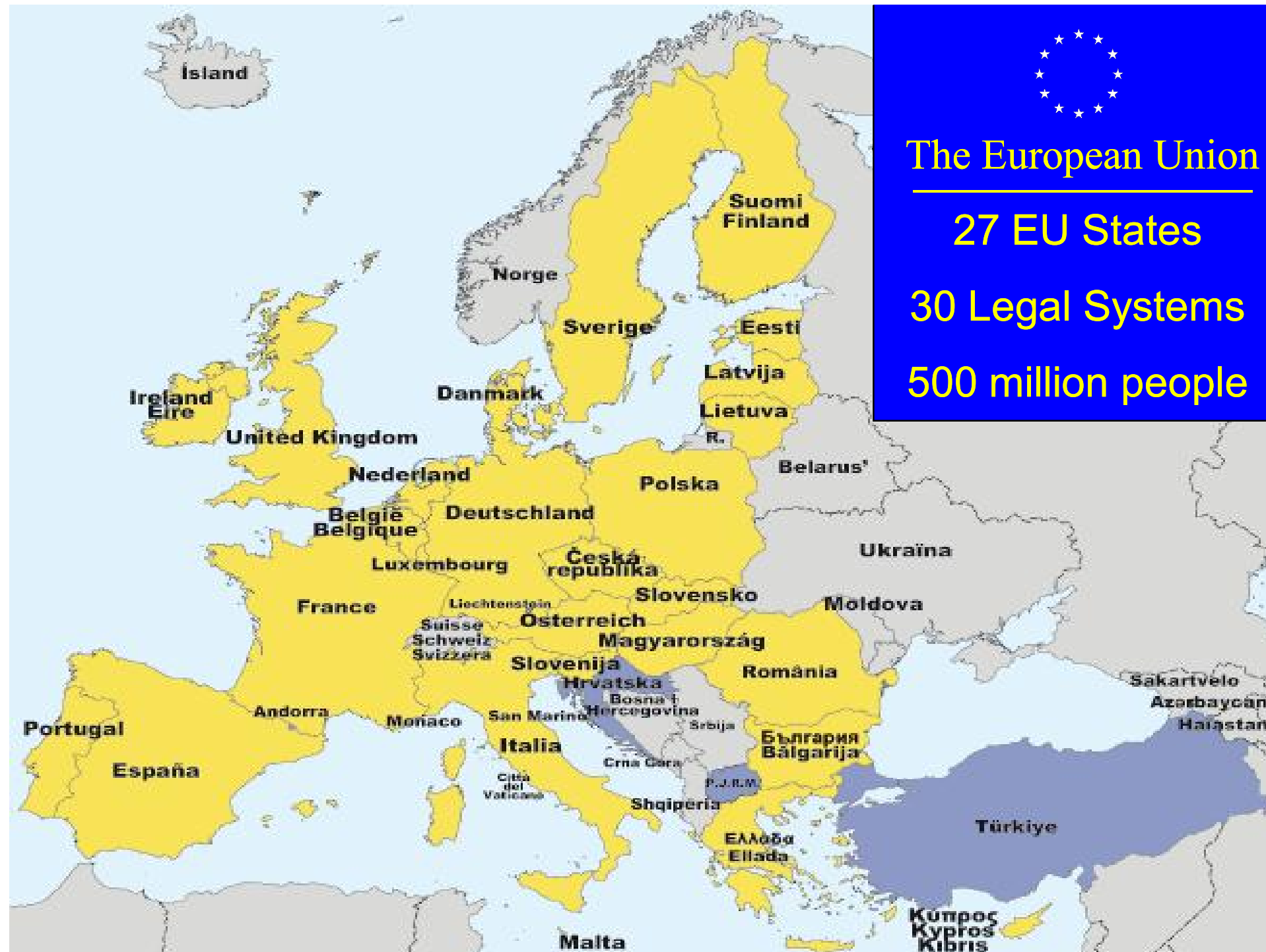
# Objectives

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Investigations and prosecutions related to serious, cross border, organised crime, involving two or more Member States:

- To improve judicial co-operation between the Member States
- To stimulate and improve the co-ordination of investigations and prosecutions
- To support competent authorities in Member States when dealing with serious cross-border cases



  
The European Union  
27 EU States  
30 Legal Systems  
500 million people

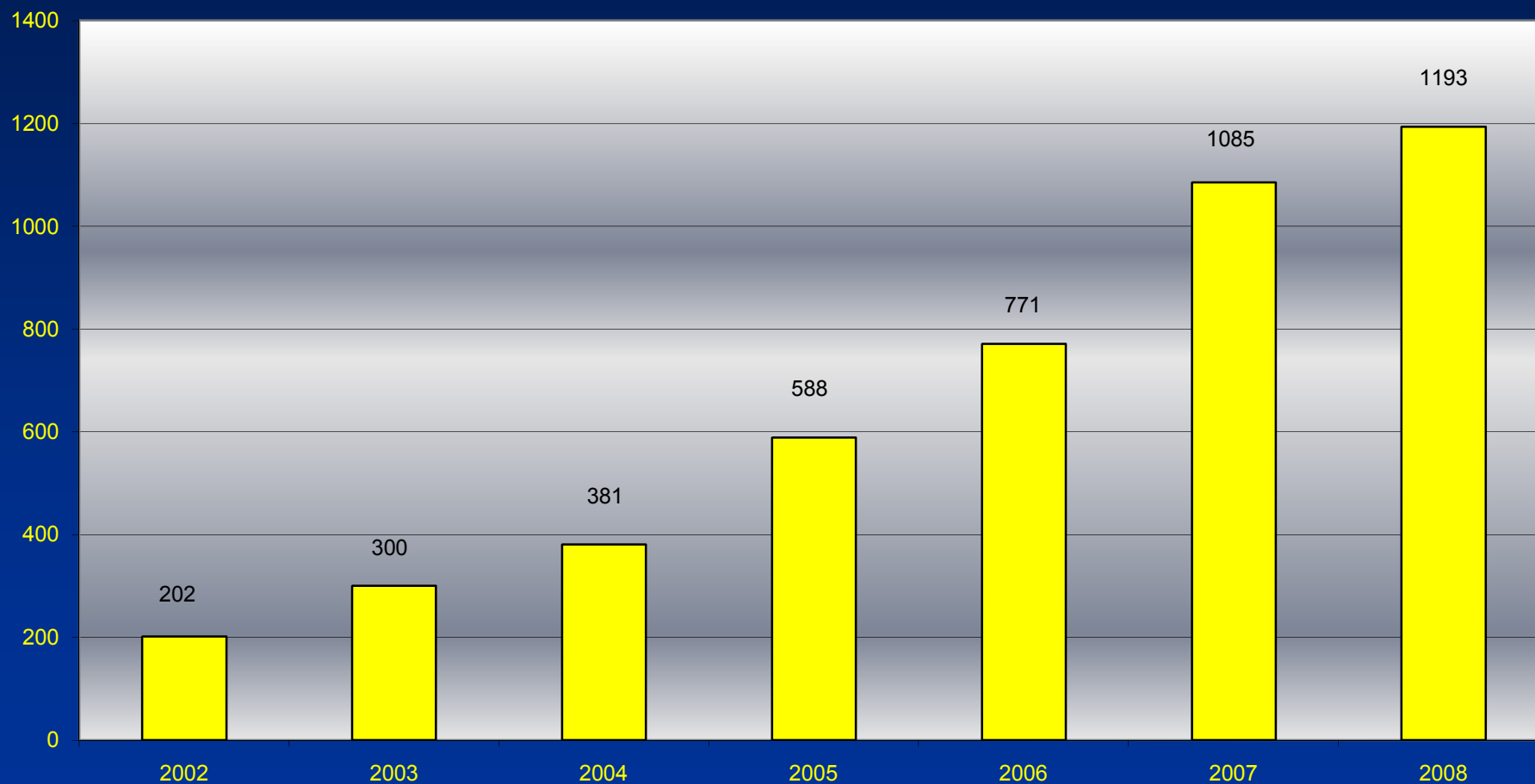


## Tasks (art. 6a & 7a)

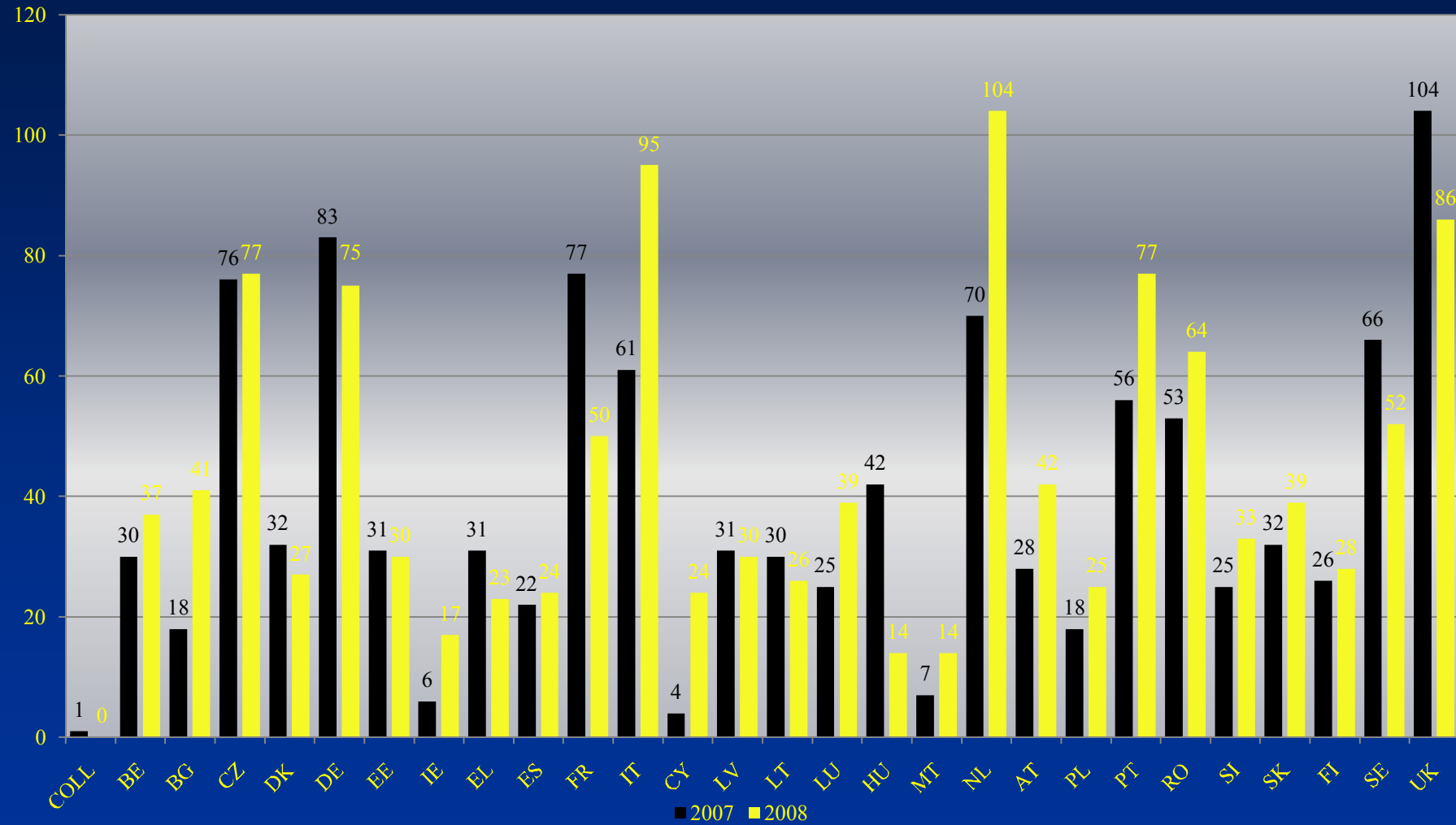
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- investigate or prosecute specific acts
- accept that one MS is better placed to investigate or prosecute specific acts
- coordinate with one another
- set up a Joint Investigation Team (JIT)
- *take special investigative measures*
- provide Eurojust with any information necessary to carry out its tasks

# Case Evolution 2002 -2008

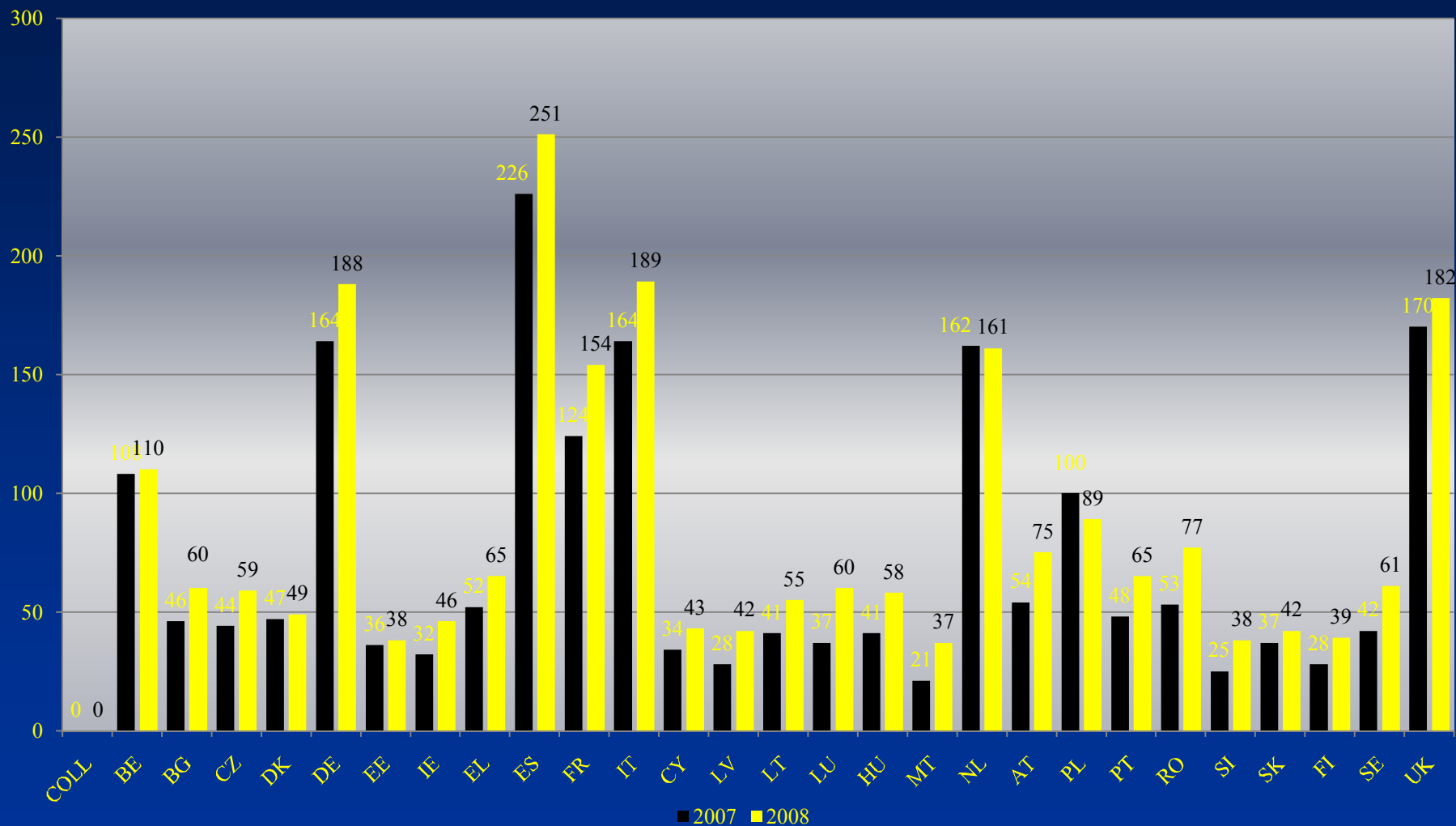


# Requesting Countries 2007-2008

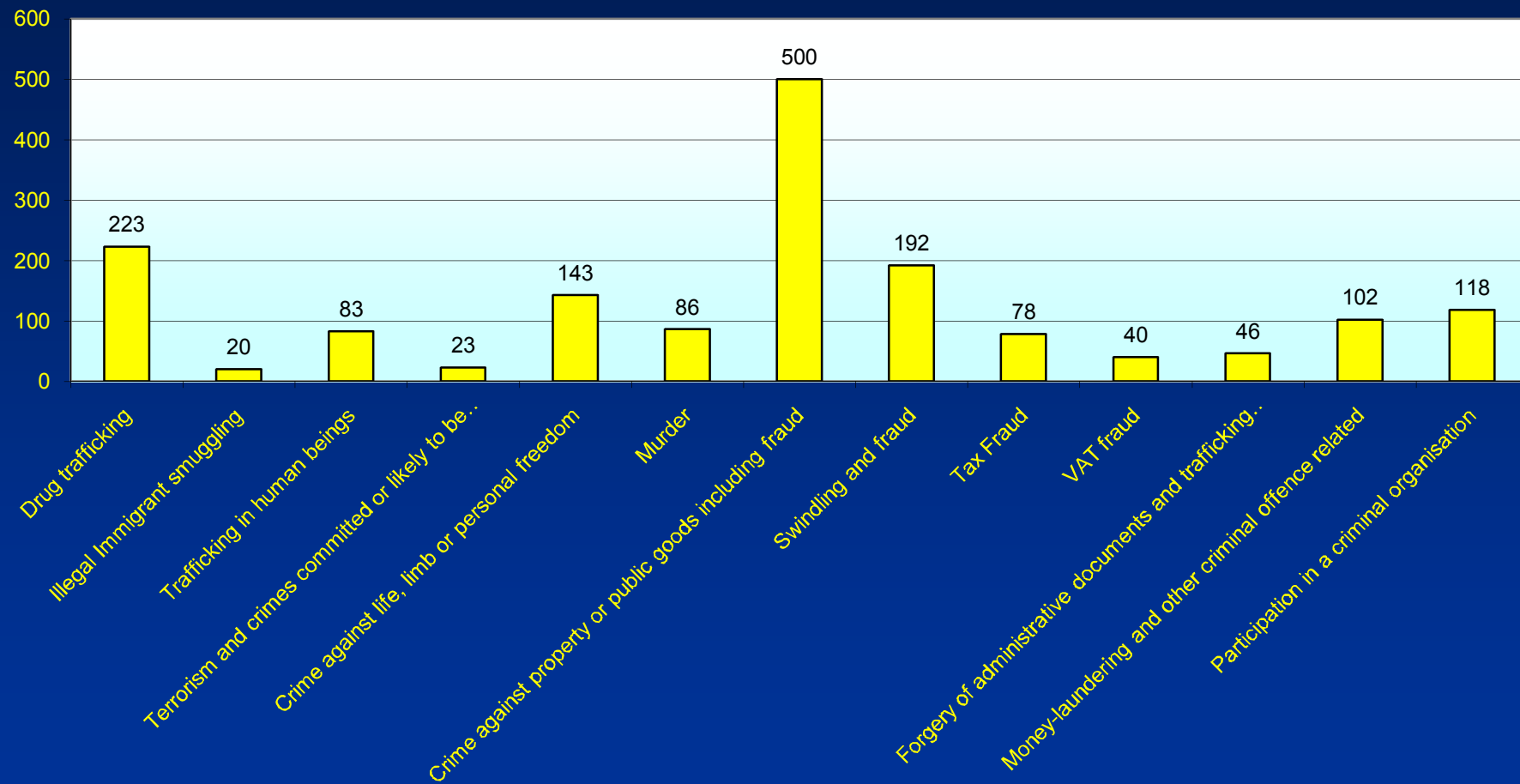




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# Main crime types 2008

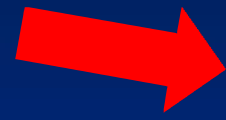
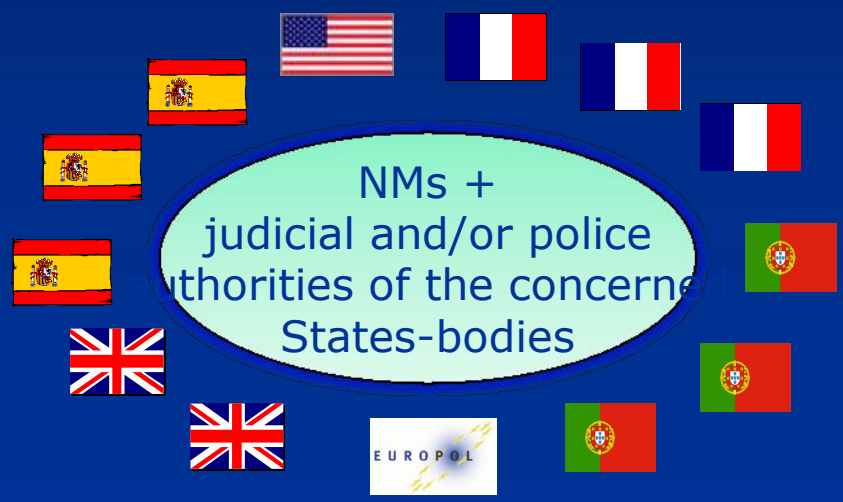


# Working at different levels

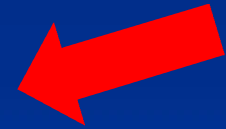
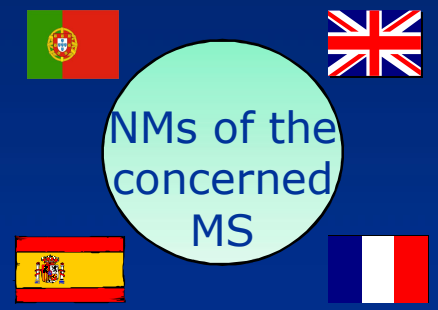


Level I meeting  
(college meetings)

27 National Members



Level II meeting



Level III meeting

## Exchange of information: a key issue

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- A crucial tool for judicial cooperation through Eurojust
- Exchange between national authorities through the National Members
- The basis to set up coordination and to exercise Eurojust powers
- The need for organised cooperation against organised crime

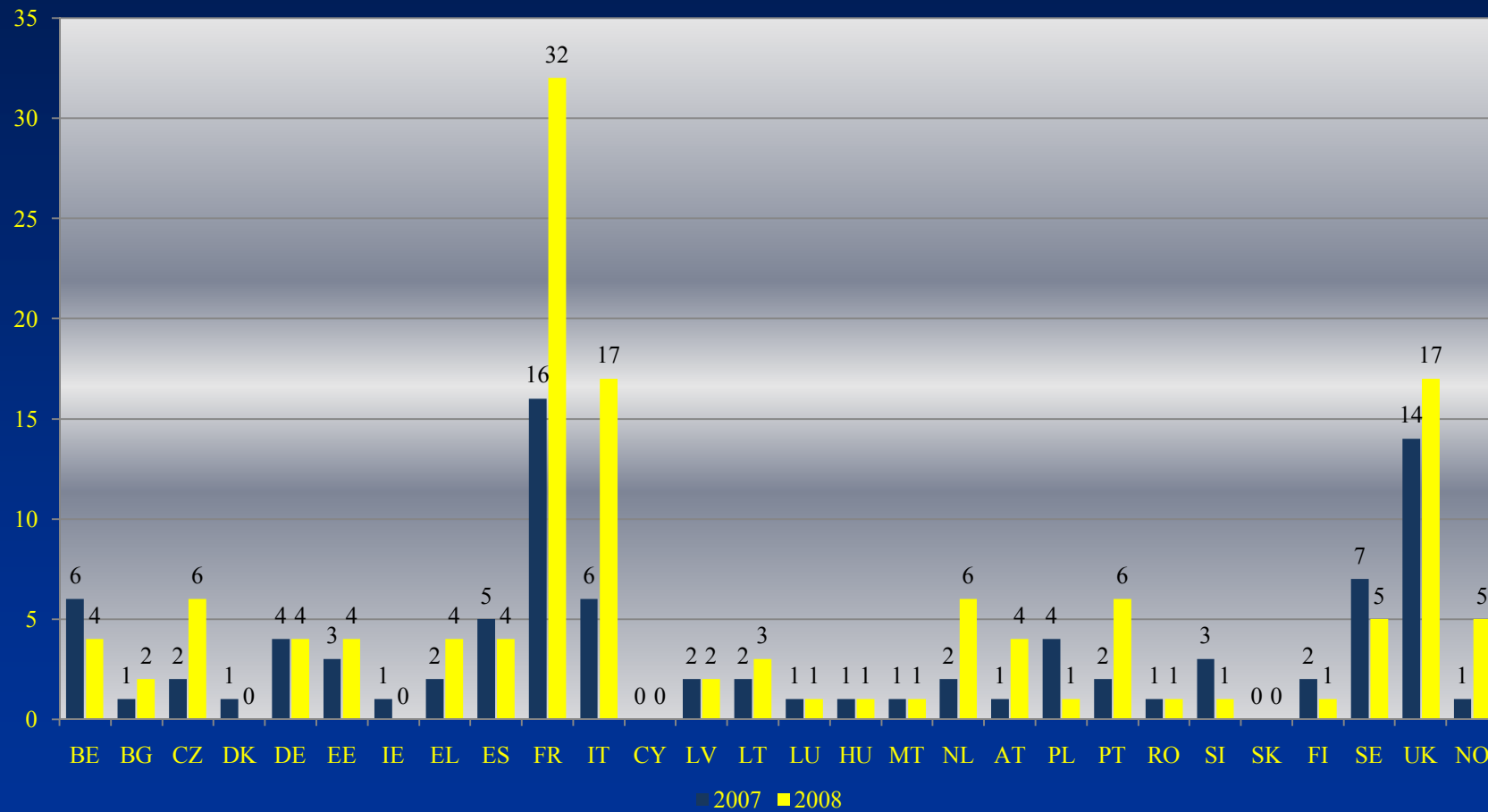
# Meetings

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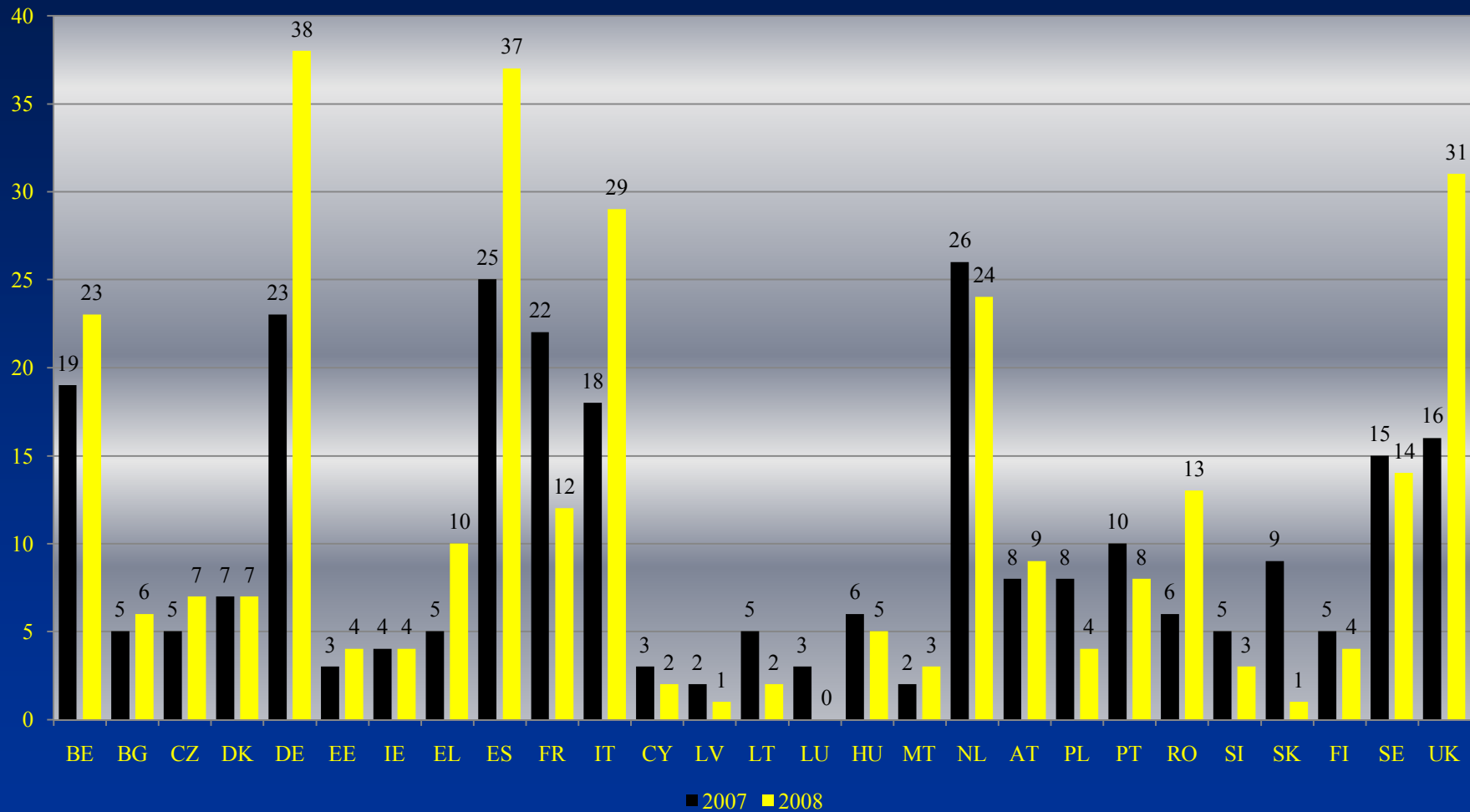


- Operational meeting
    - focus on one specific case
    - level III meeting
  - Strategic meeting
    - focus on specific type of criminality or instrument in general
    - involves practitioners of the 27 Member States specialised in the field
  - Tactical meeting
    - focus on specific cases related to the same specific type of criminality
    - involves national authorities dealing with these cases
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# Countries requesting level 3 meetings 2007-2008



# Countries requested at level 3 meetings 2007-2008



# Relations with partners

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- Europol
- European Judicial Network (EJN)
- OLAF
- Other bodies
- Liaison magistrates



# The New Eurojust Decision

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- Enhance operational capabilities of Eurojust
  - Strengthen and increase the powers of Eurojust
  - Increase the exchange of information
  - Facilitate and strengthen co-operation between national authorities and Eurojust/EJN contact points
  - Strengthen and establish relationships with partners and third countries
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