

# Il multiforme impegno di Eurojust nel contrasto alla criminalità transnazionale

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This work is based on two assumptions. The first one is that, nowadays, the most serious organised criminality has a transnational nature: therefore, its activities usually take place in different countries. The second assumption is strictly linked with the previous one: criminal organisations with such features can be adequately tackled only with an effective cooperation of the competent national judicial (and police) authorities. In this frame, the added value of Eurojust (the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit) will be pointed out, as well as its aspects which need to be improved. In the first chapter, the structure, the objectives and the tasks of Eurojust will be described, in order to give a clear overview of its functioning. In the second chapter, the role played by the Unit in the fight against transnational crime will be assessed, by means of general considerations and practical examples, arguing that its added value is at least two-fold: on the one hand, Eurojust's main goal is to coordinate the investigations of national judicial authorities, but, on the other hand, also the "non-operational" side of the Unit's activities deserves to be dealt with (analytical support to national authorities, spread of knowledge in the field of criminal justice, etc.). Finally, the attention will be focused on the new challenges which Eurojust will face in the (next) future, on the basis of the groundbreaking provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon, especially Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Under a methodological point of view, the issues dealt with in the present work will be analysed especially from the perspective of the Italian legal system: therefore, the same importance will be given to the European regulation on Eurojust and to the (often problematic) domestic implementation of it.